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TO THE CHRISTIAN PUBLIC.

The Board of Missions of the General Assembly have, for a considerable time, been sensible, that there has been a great deficiency of information among the Churches, respecting their Missionary operations. They have sought to remedy this evil, by selecting and recommending to the Churches, two valuable publications in this city—"*The Christian Advocate*," and "*The Philadelphian;*" and they have hitherto made these their channels of communication. But, although the subscribers to these works are pretty numerous, the Board are fully convinced, that their circulation is not sufficiently general and extensive to answer their purposes. After very mature deliberation, they have, therefore, concluded to issue, in connexion with the Education Board, a cheap monthly publication, of the size and form now presented.

The primary design of this publication is to give regular and minute intelligence respecting the operations of the two Boards—embracing an accurate account of all their receipts for missionary and education purposes—of the appointment of Missionaries and Agents—and interesting extracts from their communications to the Boards, accompanied with such remarks as may be deemed necessary and useful.

It will also comport with our design, occasionally to publish candid and temperate communications on all subjects involving the vital interests of the Presbyterian Church and its benevolent institutions, and especially such as have a direct and important bearing on the plans and operations of our Boards; and such communications we respectfully solicit from our friends and correspondents in different parts of the Union.

The great object, however, which we have in view in this publication, is to acquaint the churches, as extensively as possible with all the doings of their Boards—the labours of their Missionaries, and the progress of their beneficiaries. With a view of securing a general circulation of this work, it will be furnished to subscribers at the very low rate of *fifty cents* a year. Missionaries and Auxiliaries to the Boards will receive it gratuitously; and the first number will be sent to most of the Ministers in our connexion, with the hope and expectation, that many of them will return their names as subscribers, and that they will make prompt and vigorous exertions to obtain subscribers in their respective congregations. Should any profits be realized, they will be divided between the two Boards, and be sacredly appropriated to missionary and education purposes.

Agents, Missionaries, and Sessions which have been organized as Auxiliaries, are particularly and earnestly requested to make immediate efforts to procure subscribers, and to report, as soon as possible, to the Secretary of the Board of Missions, the results of their exertions.

The amount of Missionary intelligence in the present number, will be far less than may be generally expected hereafter, owing to the insertion of some particular articles, the publication of which has been already too long

delayed. Among these articles will be found, the "Plan for rendering Sessions Auxiliary Societies to the General Assembly's Board of Missions."—The simplicity of this plan will instantly be perceived, and its *efficiency* has been fully proved by about one hundred and fifty churches, which have already been organized, and have afforded to the Board, by the amount of their contributions, and the ease with which these contributions have been obtained, the most encouraging prospects of their permanent usefulness. It is confidently hoped and expected, that this plan of Auxiliaries, so admirably suited to the circumstances of the poor of Christ's flock, in every section of our country—so entirely conformable to the very constitution of every Presbyterian church, and so well calculated to secure and combine the efforts, the prayers, and the charities of the *church*, will commend itself at once to every friend of missions, and call forth vigorous efforts in behalf of our Board.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A WORD FROM KENTUCKY.

The following is an extract from a highly interesting communication received at the office of the Board of Missions some weeks since. It was written by an aged clergyman, of elevated piety and high standing in the church, and contains sentiments, not only worthy of its author, but worthy, also, of the candid and serious consideration of every conscientious Presbyterian. We feel it to be due to ourselves, as the servants of the Presbyterian church, as well as to our kind and valuable correspondents, occasionally to make known to the churches, the views and sentiments which are entertained by enlightened and influential individuals, respecting the operations of the Missionary Board. The sentiments expressed in this communication, we have reason to believe, are those entertained by a very large number of the most distinguished ministers and laymen, connected with our church in Kentucky, and in most of the other western and southern states.

"The General Assembly is, under Christ, the great bond of union that must hold together, that immense mass of Christians bearing the name of Presbyterians in these United States. I am aware of the value, and of the reliance that is placed upon our confession of faith, and book of discipline and government as bonds of union. But I contend that these books, valuable as they are, stand to the church, without the living co-operation of the Assembly, much in the relation that the Scriptures would do to the world, without the living ministry. It is granted that there are some instances in which ignorant and sinful men have been brought to the knowledge of Christ, by reading God's word, and without a living ministry. But we defy an instance to be produced where any church has remained for any length of time, united and pure, without a living, energetic executive. We have a lamentable example in our own country, of what a church is, and what she may be brought to, for the want of a living, energetic, ecclesiastical council. The writer of these remarks was in Boston, thirty four or five years ago, when Socinianism was yet but a little monster in that town, for at that time it was almost entirely confined to the city; it was then predicted what things would come to, unless they could erect some acknowledged tribunal, before whom errorists could be brought, and by whom they could be held up to public distrust. And without the spirit of prophecy, it may safely be predicted, that unless the New England churches have some common barrier thrown around them, such as is the General Assembly to the Presbyterian churches, inroads will continue to be made by the wild beasts from every desert, until the fair garden of God shall be trodden down, and become worse than the mire of the streets—become the hold of every vile and ravenous beast. It is just as impossible that a society of any kind can long exist without a head, as it is that a decapitated body can live and breathe. The Jewish church had God for its head. The Urim and the Thummin, the word of God about the tabernacle, the perfect intercourse that God held with Abraham, with Moses, with Joshua, and with

Samuel, were intended by God to direct every eye to *himself*. So soon as this intercourse ceased, the Jews were scattered to the four corners of the earth, like sheep without a shepherd. The apostles, and their immediate successors, sustained to the Christain church, the same relation, and combined within themselves the same power that Moses and the prophets did respecting the Jewish church. And so soon as inspiration ceased entirely, and the people had no infallible guides to look to, the mass, leavened as it was with the growing and holy spirit of Christianity, began to crumble to pieces, and hence prelacy and popery arose, and formed a bond of union which held the disjointed materials in some degree of proximity until the reformation. What is the history of all the ecclesiastic councils that have ever convened, but the history of the weakness of the great mass of the church seeking strength and union, and safety, from the aged, the wise and the good. The people of the nineteenth century, are just such beings as have inhabited our world from the beginning. This may be, for aught I know, the *"age of reason;"* I am sure it is the *age of speculation*, and next to our imagination, nothing so much needs the bit and rein, as our speculations. In addition to this, the present, if it be not the harvest of the world, it is surely the dawning of that three hundred and sixty five thousand years that is to bless our world. Amidst the wide spreading blessedness which the last thirty years have given birth to, what American Christian does not think of the Presbyterian church and her General Assembly? I do not believe that any ecclesiastical council ever met on earth that sustained so important a relation to the church of Christ, as does the General Assembly of our church. The venerable assembly of Westminster had a specific object to accomplish. Their work was performed, it seemed to me, under something like a spirit of *inspiration*. The Assembly of our church, have not only to guard the invaluable treasure committed to their hands by God, and by his servants, the Westminster divines, but they have to overlook, and keep enclosed, the most extended spiritual vineyard, ever committed to the hands of man. How shall this vineyard be kept safe, and be well cultivated, if I am permitted to work with what tools I choose, and when, and where, and how I please? If labourers are to be hired into the vineyard, am I, or any set of men, to be permitted to employ them, without being amenable to the General Assembly, the great fountain of delegated power? If so, then let the Assembly be dissolved never to meet again, and let every man do that which is right in his own eyes. If this is deprecated, then let us soberly submit to the truth, that the Assembly is of right the only bond of union and fountain of action to the Presbyterian church.

One thing I deeply regret, viz. That when our Assembly was first organized, and our church constitution formed, it was not made a law, that no minister under thirty years of age could be a delegate to that body. Look at our political restrictions on this subject. And shall the children of this world always be wiser than the children of light! Is it less important to have a seat in the General Assembly of our church, than to have a seat in the Senate of the United States?

The nature of the case makes it proper, that every sect should have its own Missionaries. It has been said that Missionary Societies, like Bible Societies, ought to be projected upon the *broad theatre* of the *world*, and ought to be conducted upon the principle of universal catholicism. This plan has greatly outrun the present state of the world, and, as I think, the indications of Providence; and I am by no means certain, it is not inconsistent with the original principles of our nature, with what will exist in the most perfect state of the millennial glory. All Christians will probably never wear the same livery, or be called by the same name. At any rate, this time has not come. My age, and the great probability that I shall never again be a member of the Assembly, must plead my apology for intruding my thoughts on a subject which I deem so vital to the Presbyterian church. It certainly is something like a self-evident truth, that just as far as the General Assembly permit our Missionary concerns to pass out of her hands, so far she lessens her authority over the churches, and endangers innovations both in doctrine and discipline, connected with the most awful results."

AN APPEAL IN BEHALF OF FLORIDA.

The following communication was received a few days since from a highly respectable clergyman, who went to Tallahassee, under the auspices of this Board, in 1828, and is now engaged in teaching and preaching in that place, and its immediate

vicinity; and has enjoyed peculiar advantages for becoming accurately acquainted with the character, condition, and moral necessities of the people of Florida. It is earnestly hoped that this powerful and affecting appeal to young men of piety and talents, who purpose entering upon Missionary labours, during the ensuing autumn, will be deeply felt and duly appreciated.—It would be highly gratifying to the Board of Missions, to commission and send forth at least two devoted Missionaries to this important field, without delay. And are there none to respond to the call of the church, "Here are we, send us?" Towards the close of his letter, the writer states that a Sabbath School is about to be formed in Tallahassee, and then remarks:—"*Tracts* are very much needed in this country.—Could not a small bundle be forwarded from New York, or Baltimore, to Magnolia, the port of Tallahassee?" We leave the fact stated, and the inquiry suggested, to make their way to the hearts of those whose province and privilege it is to give wings to these silent messengers of mercy and salvation.

TALLAHASSEE, Aug. 4, 1829.

Reverend and Dear Sir,

I am anxious that the character and the claims of Florida should be presented to the minds of those young men in the north who are preparing to enter this fall upon the field of Missionary labour, because I am candidly of opinion that there are here a few important posts that ought to be occupied as soon as possible by men of the proper stamp. I therefore take the liberty of laying before you a few facts in relation to this country, and of requesting you to present them to the consideration of such persons as you may deem best adapted for this service. Florida is a new country, and when this is said, much is implied—much that will be but poorly comprehended by those who have never been beyond the Alleghanies, nor below the Potomac. In every new country, there are many circumstances which operate unfavourably upon the moral and religious habits of the community, and which tend to embarrass and discourage the preacher of the Gospel. The pressure of business is necessarily heavier than it is in old and established communities. Plantations must be cleared up, as well as cultivated; houses are to be erected—the whole apparatus of agriculture must be provided—while at every step difficulties and delays are encountered unknown to those who have never experienced them. Under these circumstances, it is not strange that human nature should strongly develope its gravitating propensities, and that the thoughts and feelings of men, necessarily so much occupied, should at length become absorbed in worldly business. The thinness of the population too, and the inconvenience which attends their assembling themselves together, unite with the calls of business in keeping them at home even on the Sabbath.—Difficulties such as these, every Missionary, who visits a new country, must expect to encounter; and a full proportion of them will be encountered here.

These considerations, however, magnify the importance no less than the difficulty of the undertaking. How important is it that these deteriorating influences should be counteracted—that society, in its present state, should be cast into the mould of the Gospel—that the foundations of religious and literary institutions should be laid early, that they may be deep and durable; that the sanctity of the Sabbath should be guarded and its obligations urged upon the people in all their weight and importance, and that Tracts and Bibles should be dispersed abroad, carrying the Gospel to those who visit not the sanctuary There are many circumstances, then, which render Florida, in common with other new countries, an arduous and discouraging, but at the same time, an important, and *therefore*, an inviting field for Missionary labour.

There are other considerations, however, which render this a *peculiarly* interesting and important field.

It possesses advantages, and holds out inducements, surpassed, in some respects, as I suppose, by no other section of our country. The climate is pronounced by those who speak from experience, to be as fine as that of Italy, and hitherto has proved highly salubrious; a portion of the soil is highly fertile, and is believed to be admirably adapted to the cultivation of sugar, one of the most profitable of crops, yielding an average produce of more than $100 per acre; the inhabitants are characterized by intelligence, hospitality and refinement, a large proportion of them having previously been among the most respectable members of society in the older states.

In this respect, Florida differs from most new countries, where the rough

aspect of the county finds its counterpart in the rude manners of the people. This circumstance is of importance, because we feel authorised to expect that religious and literary institutions will eventually meet with a liberal support from such a population. Indeed, munificent appropriations have already been made by Congress for the support of public schools and a university; the lands selected for this purpose are among the most valuable tracts in the territory. It will be some time, however, before they will become available, and indeed the history of the mismanagement of public property in other states warrants the apprehension that their whole value may ultimately be squandered. I forbear to dwell upon the picturesque beauty of the natural scenery—the glowing brilliancy of an almost tropical sky—the elasticity, buoyancy and blandness of the air—the beauty and profusion of the flowers—the verdure and majesty of the forests, these are matters which, though they may not have lost their charm for the heart filled with the spirit of missions, have nevertheless been superseded in their influence by stronger motives and deeper, and more intense emotions.

The principal inquiry, no doubt, will be, what materials are there to be operated upon? Is the field ripe for the harvest? The inhabitants of the territory amount already to about 25,000 souls, and are rapidly increasing in number. The half of this population, probably, resides in Middle Florida, or within 100 miles of Tallahassee, the capital. Tallahassee itself contains upwards of 1,000 souls. In the whole district of Middle Florida, containing about 12,000 inhabitants, there is no Presbyterian preacher except myself, though in many parts of this section of country, the majority of the people are favourably disposed toward the Presbyterian system of doctrine and discipline. I have ascertained, in a recent tour made for this purpose, that the two counties immediately westward of this, would each afford an interesting field for a Presbyterian Missionary. I have spoken to some of the most influential characters in each county, who manifested considerable anxiety to engage the services of a preacher, and urged me to lay their wants before the Missionary Society. Owing to the pecuniary embarrassments of the country, however, missionaries would have to rely, at *present*, almost exclusively upon the Society for remuneration. They might live in either of the counties to which I have referred, free of expense. Invalids retiring before the severities of the northern winter would find a delightful retreat in Florida; and were they disposed to engage in the business of teaching, they might gain a cordial admission into the most respectable families, as private tutors. Those, however, who come as missionaries, ought to possess the *mens sana in sano corpore*. They ought to be men of intelligence, because the people are intelligent; capable of appreciating the force of an argument, and the fairness of an illustration. They ought to be men of enterprize and active habits, because the inhabitants are sparse, the country new, the discouragements many.

SYNODICAL & PRESBYTERIAL REPORTS.

Synod of Ohio.

The board of Missions under the Synod of Ohio, in their last Annual Report to this Board, state—

"That during the past year, they have employed twenty missionaries, most of them for short periods, amounting in the aggregate to twenty five months and a half. From these Missionaries, they have received reports of twenty one months and a half missionary labors. In performing these labors, our missionaries have visited 140 places, preached 604 sermons, received into the church 13 members, baptized 9 adults and 16 infants, and administered the Lord's supper six times; and from their reports, the Board have received increased evidence of the anxiety among our vacancies, to obtain the stated means of grace. We regard the present as a time peculiarly auspicious for missionary efforts in this part of our Zion. There is demand and room for at least fifty additional ministers and missionaries within our bounds, and after a few years labors, we think that this, or even a greater number would receive their whole support from their congregations. We rejoice that our Parent Board, and the Am. H. M. Society are beginning to direct their Missionaries to this field, and hope that they may be enabled greatly to increase their efforts in our behalf.

The amount of our collections for ordinary missionary purposes is about $600. In addition to this, the members of the Synod pledge themselves to the Board for $400 per annum, to support our Missionary to the convicts in the Ohio State's Prison. From this Mis-

sionary, we have received a favorable report. The convicts generally appear to give good attention to his preaching, and several have felt much gratitude for his efforts to do them good; his whole time is devoted to that station. He reports that in conversing with them in their rooms, he has frequently seen them affected even to tears, and that some of the prisoners, of their own accord, established a prayer meeting, to be held on the Sabbath morning. He is encouraged to hope that his labours among these wretched men have not been in vain, and that through his instrumentality some three or four have been changed.

Western Reserve Synod.

"The Synod of the Western Reserve report to the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, that as a Missionary Society, during the year past, they have appointed three Missionaries, who have performed fourteen weeks of service. And what is peculiarly gratifying to the Synod, is, that two of these Missionaries, since their appointment, have become established as stated pastors over two of our congregations, where we hardly dared to hope one year ago, that the people would be so soon supplied with the regular preaching of the Gospel. By a partial, yet pleasant revival of religion in Twinsbury, the Lord opened the way for a minister of the Gospel to be settled in that place; and by a concurrence of favorable circumstances in Florence, a minister is settled there.

Although this Society has not acquired that efficiency of exertion to which it had aspired, nor accomplished that amount of good it anticipated, yet in view of what it has been instrumental of doing, we are encouraged to go forward, praising God our Redeemer for past success, and looking to him by humble prayer for future aid."

Wm. Hanford, Stated Clerk.

Presbytery of Lexington, Va.

The last report of this Presbytery to the Board, is as follows.

"We have a wide and very destitute region lying within our bounds, and loud and pressing calls have been frequently made for missionary labor; but we have not had it in our power to supply it. Could two or three suitable Missionaries be had, the means for their support could be easily obtained, there being two or three hundred dollars already on hand. There are large portions of our Missionary field, which must continue to be uncultivated, unless furnished with laborers by some Missionary Society. The population is sparse, and, indeed, must remain so for many years to come from the nature of the country. For the present summer we have the prospect of procuring the services of one or two licentiates.

Could the Assembly's Board afford to this vast and waste region one or two Missionaries, much, we think, might be done for the interests of the church of Christ. G. A. Baxter, Moderator.

J. D. Ewing, Clerk.

Presbytery of Mississippi.

The delegate from this Presbytery to the last General Assembly, in a note to the Secretary, communicates the following pleasing intelligence, which we hope may be the means of exciting many other Presbyteries, to go and *do* likewise.

"At the Session of the Presbytery of Mississippi in October last, it was unanimously resolved, that the Presbytery approve of the plan for raising funds in aid of Missions suggested by the Board of Missions in their circular, and recommend to the churches under their care to adopt said plan, and pay the monies so collected to the treasurer of the Presbytery at the spring Session, to be forwarded by him to the Treasurer of the General Assembly. Ninety five dollars, obtained from individual subscriptions of fifty cents, have been paid in, and the plan meets with general approbation."

Presbytery of Lancaster, Ohio.

At the last stated meeting, the following preamble and resolution were adopted and forwarded to the President of this Board, viz:—

"The committee appointed on the communication of the agent of the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, presented the following report.

The Presbytery of Lancaster view with heartfelt gratitude to God, the exertions making by various Missionary Societies, to evangelize the heathen, and to afford supplies and pastors, to feeble and destitute churches in our own land. They feel particularly gratified with the vigorous endeavours recently made by the Board of Missions, emanating immediately from the highest judicature of our church. To encourage them in their good work, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, The Board of Missions of the General Assembly, have recently commenced a course of vigorous and extended operations, somewhat suited both to the wants of the churches and the spirit of the age, this Presbytery do consider it as one of the auspicious omens of the present day, and hereby pledge themselves, to sustain the Board, with their prayers and efforts as far as they can, consistently with previous engagements."

PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN, N.Y.

Extracts from the last Annual Report of this Presbytery to the Board.

"There are a number of towns within our limits, destitute of the means of grace from any minister of our order, and several large settlements, where the Gospel is not preached by any denomination of ministers; new settlements are springing up in our wilderness, which are very appropriately *missionary ground*. These are favorite places for every empiric in theology to try his powers at proselyting; error grows readily and rapidly in such fresh soil. Many of the people would joyfully receive a messenger sent from you to carry them, in the name of Christ, the good tidings of peace. But their poverty pleads as strongly as their spiritual necessities. They are literally poor. In the best places in the three counties over which our Presbytery extends, the people do not, nor are they able generally, to pay more than $300 a year. This is the common salary your brethren receive in Champlain Presbytery. Your Missionary the last year visited and spent some weeks in five of their places, and was well received. The prospect of usefulness, could a Missionary be obtained, is promising. Souls are perishing for want of the means of grace, and we know of no other means of supplying them with the Gospel but by the liberality of the Board, which we have so often received, and for which we desire to be thankful."

PRESBYTERY OF WINCHESTER, VA.

To the Board of Missions of the General Assembly.

Dear Brethren—

At a meeting of the Winchester Presbytery, which commenced on the 22d ult. after much deliberation, the Board of Missions of the Presbytery was dissolved, and a Missionary Society was formed, auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the General Assembly.

Under the former organization, the Presbytery was the Missionary Society, and the officers of the Presbytery as such, were the only officers known in the Missionary Society. Under the present organization, the society consists of the members of the Presbytery, annual subscribers and delegates from auxiliary societies. It has its own officers and a board of managers, consisting of the members of the Presbytery, (who are managers ex officio) and eight laymen, who are chosen annually. The business of the Society is conducted by an executive committee of five members, chosen by the managers out of their own body. The funds of the society are to be chiefly employed in supporting missionaries in places where there may be a prospect of organizing, or building up permanent churches.—The design of the recent organization is to give more efficiency to missionary exertions in our bounds. When we look around us, we see much need for increased zeal in missionary operations. Our Society, which embraces the limits of the Presbytery, extends over a region of country embracing a population of about 240,000; and the best data on which we have been enabled to base our calculations, lead us to the conclusion that *nine tenths* of these immortal beings are not professors of religion in any branch of the Christian church.

We state this fact with the hope that the attention of the Board will be turned toward us. In many parts of our destitute region, congregations might soon be gathered, and churches organized. At present, we have three or four stations where missionaries might be placed in feeble churches; and where, if they were supported in part for some time, under the blessing of God, numerous churches might be gathered. If we could obtain a suitable person, we would be willing to engage his services at once, trusting to God for the means of meeting the expense. But at present, we do not know of any suitable missionary whose services can be obtained.

We trust that you can give us aid.—You know the kind of men that we need in this region of country, and we do most earnestly request you to bear our wants in mind and give us aid in securing the services of those who will be blessings to our Zion.

We rejoice in the extending operations and the increasing usefulness of your body. It is our desire to see the bonds of union between the Assembly's Board and all the churches under the

care of the General Assembly, abundantly strengthened. We cherish the hope that any efforts which may be made to withdraw the attention and affection of any part of the Presbyterian church from that Missionary Board, which was created by the highest judicatory of our church, and is amenable to it, will not be successful; and will be overruled by the Head of the church, for the glory of his name and the good of his cause.

May the Lord bless you and crown your labors with abundant success.

By order of the executive committee,
JAMES M. BROWN, Secretary.
Berkely County, Va. May 21, 1829.

PRESBYTERY OF RICHLAND, OHIO.

Mansfield, Ohio, April 20, 1829.

To Rev. Joshua T. Russell.

Dear Sir,—The Presbytery of Richland in session at Frederick on the 17th inst. made it my duty to forward to you the following preambles and resolutions:

"Whereas at the last meeting of the Gen. Assembly, measures were adopted to render the Board of Missions under the direction of that body more efficient than formerly; and the Board having in consequence commenced an energetic course of action according with the spirit of the age, and in some measure calculated to meet the wants and expectations of the churches of our denomination, Therefore this Presbytery do rejoice in it as a most auspicious event and do hereby resolve,

1. That we will sustain and aid the Board of Missions of the General Assembly in its operations, by our prayers, and such other support, as is within our power consistently to afford.

2. That both a sense of duty and a spirit of filial affection induce us to apply in preference to this source, for such aid as the feeble churches and destitute settlements within our bounds may require.

3. That while we gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the A. H. M. S. this Board would respectfully withdraw from its connection with that Society, to act as a presbytery through our natural organ, the B. of M. of the General Assembly.

4. Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the A. H. M. S. together with a respectful communication, acknowledging our grateful sense of the kindness of that Board in affording aid to a number of those churches within our bounds."

By order of Presbytery,
JAMES ROWLAND, Stated Clerk
of Richland Presbytery.

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Letter to the Corresponding Secretary from a Misssionary of the Board, dated Rutherfordton, August 7, 1829.

Rev. and Dear Sir,

From Morgantown, where I wrote my second report, I went directly to Lincolnton, where I remained four Sabbaths. Here are four denominations of professing christians,—each warmly engaged to support his respective party. The Presbyterian church here is comparatively small. Having appointed a communion to be held the fourth Sabbath, Mr. Sparrow—the Pastor, who gives them half his time, and myself, commenced our preparatory labours, with the month, (viz. July.) We held meetings about three times every week, and when not providentially prevented three times on the Sabbath. We also visited from house to house—talking both to professors and non-professors, and also praying with, and for them. Finally the communion came on. This was truly an interesting season; although only two were added to the communion of the church, yet the tone of christian feeling is doubtless considerably raised, and the cause of the Redeemer advanced.* And here I would mention, that one of the elders recently resigned the office of Post master, because he could not conscientiously discharge the business of the office on the Sabbath day. This is worthy of imitation.

From Lincolnton I went to assist the Rev. M. Dickinson, in Nazareth congregation, Spartanburg district, S. C. Although this congregation is not within my prescribed bounds, it lies near it. From the state of excitement in this congregation, which commenced during a few days I spent with them last Spring, and which has not only been kept up but considerably raised by the indefatigable labours of their worthy pastor, I was advised to attend.

The meeting commenced on Thursday, and terminated on the following Monday. It was numerously attended from the beginning; and better order

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* Here they have also a Sabbath School, which I attended and twice addressed.

and more untiring attention I believe I never saw on any occasion. The whole number of new communicants was 48, 15 of whom were admitted Saturday evening, the rest had been examined a few Sabbaths before.

Sabbath night about 30 persons publicly professed anxiety, and it is believed that double that number are deeply impressed. It was delightful to see the mother of 80—with the boy of 13, at the table of the Lord, for the first time commemorating the dying love and living care of the Saviour of sinners. The prospects of the church here are now quite flattering. From Nazareth I came to brother Kerr's, where I am now resting a little from the fatigue. I have delivered, during this month, 17 sermons,—three exhortations—attended two communions, and visited a great deal, but I cannot say precisely how often; also attended one monthly concert, distributed a number of Tracts, and travelled 120 miles. The amount of monies I may be able to collect for your Board, I will mention in my last report. I remain, Dear Sir, yours most respectfully.

OHIO.

Extract from a monthly report of the Rev. Henry Van Deman, dated, Delaware, Aug. 1, 1829.

"We have in my charge three Bible classes, for which I write questions.—Two of these classes are examined monthly, the other once in two weeks. We have four Sabbath School Societies on the *Union* plan, and nine schools in the four societies. We have a flourishing Tract Society, amounting to about one hundred members. We have two Missionary Associations for Foreign Missions, male and female. We have also a prayer meeting established, which we attend twice a week. We moreover attend to the monthly concert.

At this time religion within our bounds is more encouraging than at any former period. Assemblies for religious worship are collected with far less difficulty, and in greater numbers, both in my charge and vicinity, than I have ever before witnessed; and in many places it is evident that the Lord is at work. In my own charge, a few days before I received your commission to labor as your missionary, I added to the church twenty-five members, and considerable seriousness still remains among us."

Extract from the report of a Missionary of the Board, dated, Goshen, Ohio, Aug. 3, 1829.

"Our public services are well attended, and vast multitudes throng the gates of Zion, and by their frequent sighs and the profusion of tears, manifest the pungency of their grief. There appears to be increasing attention amongst the youth, and the old gray headed fathers and mothers, who have long refused to obey the Gospel, begin to listen to and desire to hear the mild accents of the Gospel of Jesus to cheer them in the prospect of death."

PENNSYLVANIA.

Report of a Missionary of the Board, dated, Alexandria, July 31, 1829.

Dear Sir,—

I feel myself happy in being under the direction of your excellent Board, all whose measures, hitherto, appear so eminently calculated to promote the interests of evangelical piety, and which, from the success that has crowned your operations, seems evidently to have met with the approbation of the great Head of the church. May all your future deliberations as regards the Missionary work, be directed by the spirit of holiness and the infinite wisdom of the "wonderful counsellor," that you may not fail to succeed in gaining many subjects to the Prince of Peace, from the world which lieth in wickedness. This is the heart's desire and fervent prayer of your humble servant, who will endeavour by the grace of God, to perform his respective part in the good work of promoting the kingdom of him whose right it is to reign.

In the region of country assigned me, and in which I have been laboring as your Missionary during the present month, there are four little villages all destitute of the *stated* means of grace, and *some* without occasional preaching from any denomination; the consequence is, that iniquity abounds, and a general laxity of morals prevails. In each of these places, I preach alternately on each succeeding Sabbath, and in their respective vicinities through the week. In some of the places my meetings are well attended, and in many instances, a deep seriousness and engagedness of mind is manifested during service, which promises something encouraging. But in other places, the reverse is the case. The greatest carelessness, indifference, and unconcern prevail, not unfrequently scoffing and ridicule, and a

general neglect to the preaching of the word and the means of grace. In order to ameliorate this deplorable state of things, I have "gone out into the highways and hedges, and compelled them to come in" to the house appointed for divine service, and I have reason for gratitude, that I have succeeded in getting many to attend who previously stood aloof from the house of God, and Galeo-like, cared for none of these things. Who can tell what may be the result? As the Lord has put it into their hearts to come, he may be pleased also to open their hearts to hear and attend to those things which may be spoken in his name.

Many of the people with whom I have conversed in private, I have found totally ignorant of the essential doctrines of Christianity, and some, indeed, who had lived to the age of twenty or twenty-five, and could not so much as tell me who was the Saviour of sinners, though they could read, had read the Bible, and their parents had been from their youth, members of the church. This gross darkness which covers the people, I hope to see dispelled by the refulgent light of God's word. For this purpose, I have formed Bible classes which I meet at stated times. I have, more than ever before, felt the need of Tracts. After conversing with sinners on the all important subject of the soul's salvation, and after knowing the state of their minds, it appears to me like doing the work effectually, when parting, to leave with them an appropriate pithy little Tract. A word fitly spoken, is sometimes salutary, yet it is often erased from the memory, even though it comes first with fervour, but 'litera scriptamanet.' The little silent messenger may meet the eye again, and perchance, again, and eventually reach the heart. I shall soon have a supply of these.

During the present month I have travelled 168 miles, excluding 120 travelling to my appointed place, in which time I have preached 30 discourses, visited 55 families, with whom I conversed and prayed, visited and exhorted two common schools, revived one languishing Sunday school, well nigh extinct, and conversed with I know not how many individuals about the one thing needful, with whom I incidentally met."

Extract from a letter of a Missionary of the Board, in Bradford County, (Pa.)

"The Presbyterian church of Warren needs help. They are composed of between thirty and forty members, and are labouring under all the disadvantages of a new country. They are struggling to their utmost, to enjoy the preaching of the word, and ordinances, but they cannot at present raise more than one hundred dollars. It would be an act of charity to assist them, and no doubt would meet the approbation of the head of the church.

There is a great moral waste in this country. There is no settled pastor in this county, and only three stated supplies. In this Presbytery, which is nearly 100 miles square, embracing 30 small churches, there is only one pastor, and a few other ministers. The prospect is gloomy; without help from some benevolent society, it appears that our Zion will die.

As these churches are all poor, and none of them able alone to support a preached gospel, it will be difficult for me, as a missionary, to raise much money for the Board; all the money that can be raised, is wanted on the ground, to aid the preaching of the Gospel, the Bible cause, Tract Societies, Sunday Schools, and Temperance Societies."

ILLINOIS.

Extract from a monthly report of a Missionary of the Board, in the south eastern part of this state, dated July 15th, 1829.

"During the month past, I travelled 233 miles, made 24 family visits, preached 20 sermons, and gave several exhortations; attended the monthly concert once, and gave an address; formed a Bible class in Shawneetown, consisting of about forty members, and catechised it twice; attended the Sabbath School here once, and gave an address to the teachers and scholars,and baptized two infants.

In Shawneetown there is a gradual increase still in an attention to the means of grace. We are much encouraged by our success in the Bible class, and we hope the blessing of God will render it a great benefit to the youth, in particular, of this place. I am also much encouraged here to the duty of family visitation. I have reason to believe that this is the means of increasing the number of attendants on the preaching of the Gospel, and I trust, in a few instances, of increasing the number of those who are desirous of an interest in the Saviour.

In Sharon church, there are some encouraging symptoms; an unusual en-

gagedness among Christians, and two instances of seriousness amongst the non-professors, if no more.

The prospects of the Golconda church are unusually flattering. There is much more attention to preaching, and much more engagedness than we have before seen. They are longing and praying for a better supply of preaching.

At Equality no church is yet organized; but if there can be a supply of the means, I believe one will be gathered there shortly.

The churches of Carmi, and New Haven, exhibit nothing new worthy your attention. The little churches in Wayne and Franklin counties, are entirely destitute for want of another labourer."

NEW YORK.

Extracts from a report of two months service, recently performed in Niagara county, by a Missionary of the Board.

"Six days, from Saturday, Jan. 17th, 1829, to Thursday, 22d, I was at Ward's Settlement, between the Falls and the Canal town of Niagara, a place very poor and destitute, as to evangelical preaching, but rich in soil and crops; at "Hawley's," or "Saunder's Settlement," in a corner of Lewistown, and near the Tuscarora village, and at Cambria. In the whole, preached 5 sermons, visited 2 schools, and 16 families; attended one conference, and travelled 36 miles. All this is truly missionary ground. I was kindly received, and the word carefully attended to by many.—Some of the meetings were full and very solemn, and the minds of some were deeply impressed.

"Friday 6th, in Davis's Settlement, in the town of Wilson, attended the general conference and prayer meeting, and made an address, and heard the remarks and prayers, and addresses of others. Full 100 persons were present. There is a great revival of religion here, great for the sparse population; 40 have already joined the Presbyterian church —many have gone over to the Methodists; some entertaining a hope, have not yet made a public profession; the revival is chiefly among Presbyterians. It is a pure, genuine, and noiseless work, and I have not within three years, attended so solemn and so deeply interesting a conference.

"From Friday, Mach 13th, to Wednesday, March 25th, 12 days, was employed constantly, and I hope, faithfully, on "the Ridge Road," and elsewhere in Cambria; also, in Lewiston, Youngstown, and in the back and woody parts of Lockport. In some instances, a vast many, in others, but few, came forth to the meetings; and there is good reason to believe, that some sinners were alarmed, and the children of God comforted and enlightened."

During the two months, the Missionary visited 120 families, 6 common, and 5 Sabbath schools—delivered 52 sermons, administered the Lord's supper 4 times, baptized 7 or 8 infants, and attended 8 or 10 conference and prayer meetings. He states, that "Sabbath and common schools in Niagara county are large and flourishing, and Bible classes are doing well."

APPOINTMENTS

Made by the Executive Committee since their Report to the Assembly, May 26, 1829, not before in Commission.

Mr. Samuel Montgomery, 6 months, Huntingdon Co. Pa.

Rev. Henry Van Deman, 1 year, Delaware, Ohio.

Rev. A. D. Montgomery, 1 year, Pittsylvania Co. Va.

Mr. Cornelius H. Mustard, 2 months in Delaware.

Mr. Alexander Logan, 1 year, in Pres. of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve, 6 months, in Luzerne Co. Pa.

Rev. Edson Hart, 1 year, Trumbull Pres. Ohio.

Rev. William Wallace, 2 months, Olive and Cross Roads, Ohio.

Mr. George W. Warner, 1 year, Coshocton and Mill Creek, Ohio.

Rev. Rich. Brown, 1 year, Warren Co. O.

Rev. Salmon King, 1 year, Bradford Co. Pa.

Rev. Nahum Gould, 1 year, Cataraugus Co. N. Y.

Mr. John C. Annan, 1 year, Perry Co. O.

Rev. Silas Parsons, 1 year, Wilson and Niagara Counties, N. Y.

Rev. Adams W. Platt, 1 year, Rutland, Jefferson Co. N. Y.

Rev. James Cunningham, 1 year, Licking Co. Ohio.

Rev. Jacob Wolf, 1 year, Richland Co. O.

Rev. Wm. Dickey, 2 months, in Chilicothe Presbytery.

Rev. James H. Parmele, 6 months, on the Muskingum River.

Rev. Peter Hossinger, 1 year, Crawford and Erie Counties, Pa.

Rev. Thomas A. Leggett, 1 year, Peekskill, N. Y.

Mr. Nicholas Murray, 2 months, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne Co. Pa.

Rev. Wm. Ramsey, 1 year, Southwark, Pa.

Mr. E. C. Hutchinson, 1 year, Leesburgh, Va.

Rev. Wm. Page, 1 year, Ann Arbour and other places in Michigan Ter.

Rev. Wells Andrews, 2 months, Hartford and Trumbull Pres. Ohio.

Rev. J. Burchard, 1 year, Utica, N. Y.

Rev. George C. Sill, 2 months, Rochester Presbytery, N. Y.

Rev. John P. Hutchinson, 1 year, Ohio.

Mr. Isaac Bennett, 1 year, congregations of Carmi and Sharon, White Co. Illinois.

Rev. John Hudson, Missionary Agent, 3 months, Kentucky.

Rev. Wm. M'Jimsey, 1 year, congregation of Monticello, Sullivan Co. N. Y.

Mr. Archey B. Lawrence, 1 year, Muhlenburgh Presbytery, Ky.

Mr. John T. Ewing, 1 year, Kingwood, Finnsville, and Jugtown, N. J.

Mr. William Brobston, 1 year, Wilmington, Elizabeth, and Brown Marsh, N. C.

Rev. Samuel Leonard, 1 year, Preston, and Pharsalia, N. Y.

Rev. David Page, 1 year, Cambria, Niagara Co. N. Y.

Rev. Wm. Bacon, 1 year, 12th Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia.

Mr. William C. Anderson, Missionary Agent, 6 months, Indiana, N. and S. Carolina, and Georgia.

Mr. Britton E. Collins, Pennsylvania, 1 year.

Persons before in Commission, whose appointments have been renewed.

Rev. Charles Webster, 1 year, Hempstead, Long Island, N. Y.

Rev. Samuel G. Lowry, 2 months, Rush and Decatur Counties, Indiana.

Rev. Peter Monfort, 2 months, Butler Co. Ohio, or Indiana.

Rev. Dewey Whitney, 3 months, Ebenezer Pres. Ky.

Rev. Lewis M'Leod, 1 year, Missouri or Tennessee.

Rev. Wm. B. M'Ilvaine, 1 year, East Liberty, Pa.

Mr. George Printz, 1 year, in Ohio.

Rev. J. W. M'Cullough, 1 year, Fredericktown, Md.

Rev. Thomas Barr, 2 years, Missionary Agent for the State of Ohio.

Rev. Sylvester Scovell, 1 year, in Pres. of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Sayrs Gazley, 1 year, Warren Co. O.

Rev. B. F. Spillman, 6 months, eastern part of Illinois.

Rev. Isaac A. Ogden, 1 year, Union, Franklin, and Fayette Counties, Indiana.

LETTERS

Received at the office of the Board of Missions during the months of July and August.

Robert M'Cartee, N. Y. Edw. E. Gregory, Md. A. G. Morrison, Pa. John M'Knight, Pa. Wm. Page, Michigan Territory. Robt. Henry 2, Pa. Duncan Brown, West Tenn. Austin O. Hubbard 2, Md. James Wilson, Ohio. Benj. F. Spillman 2, Illinois. John Breckenridge, Md. John M. Dickey, Florida. Salmon King, Pa. Samuel B. Smith, Ohio. Jedediah Burchard, N Y. Wm. Quillin 2, N C. Saml. Sturgeon, Pa. John Burtt, N J. Thos. Barr 2, Ohio. W. B. M'Ilvaine, Pa. Lewis M'Leod 2, N Y. G. G. Sill, N Y.; E. P. Swift, Pa. J. W. Moore, Arkansas Territory. J. Hawthorn, Ky. J. D. Hughes 2, Ohio. E. Washburn, Ohio. J. M'Elroy, N Y.; W. J. Frazer, Ohio. Nicholas Murray, Pa. J. W. Leonard 2, N Y. J. A. Ogden, Ind. A. Alexander, N J.; W. P. Alrich, Del. John Gloucester, Pa. W. C. Anderson, Pa. W. Ramsay, Pa. S. Swan, Pa. S. Montgomery, Pa. Robt. Thompson, Pa. A. Wylie 2, Pa. E. M. Wilson, Va. Sayrs Gazley, Ohio. E. Hart, Ohio. J. Kirkpatrick, N J. T. Clelland, Ky. H. Van Deman, Ohio. J. E. Annan, Ohio. W. Chester, N Y. Josiah Talbot, N Y.; A. Aikman, Florida. H. S. Pratt, Geo. Elders of the African church, Reading, Pa. J. D. Stevens, Michigan Territory; Geo. Cotton, N Y.; David R. Preston, Missouri; D. Montgomery, Pa. B. E. Collins, Pa. L. Henderson, Tenn. J. G. Force, N J.; W. Sickles, Ia. R. G. Lynn 2, Ohio. D. C. Allen, Ohio.

Account of Cash received by the Board of Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church during the month of August, 1829.

Wm. Brown, Esq. his subscription for 1829,	100 00
Donation from Q. Campbell, Esq.	5 00
Annual subscription in part of the auxiliary in 3d church, Newark,	3 00
Collection at the Monthly Concert in 1st Presbyterian church,	8 06
Do. Do. Church at Belvidere by the Rev. Mr. Candee,	3 75
Collection in 11th Presbyterian church,	11 50
From the congregation in Newton, Bucks co. by Rev. J. W. Scott,	4 50
Annual subscription of the auxiliary of Golconda, Illinois, by the Rev. B. F. Spillman,	11 50
Collection at Sharon, Illinois, by Rev. B. F. Spillman,	4 50
Do. Shawneetown, do. do.	7 00
From George Ralston, Esq. his subscription for 1829,	100 00
Donation from Thomas Latimer, Esq.	20 00
From Female Missionary Society of Chillasquaque congregation, by Elinor S. Ireland,	11 46
From Gen. Daniel Montgomery, of Danville, his subscription for 1829,	100 00
Collection in 2d Presbyterian church, Southwark,	6 00
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A sum said to have been received from Mr. Mallary, in the last month's receipts, should have been acknowledged as a donation from Dr. Carnahan, Princeton.

SOLOMON ALLEN, Treasurer.
No. 18, South Third street.

Subscription of $100 *a year for* 10 *years.*

The conditions of this subscription to the Board of Missions are, that one hundred subscribers shall be obtained, and that, in case of the death of any subscription, the obligation shall cease.

Twenty subscribers have been obtained, principally in this city; and it is earnestly hoped, that the attention of the friends of Missions at a distance will be immediately turned to this subject. Missionaries and Agents are requested to put forth immediate and vigorous efforts to secure subscribers.

THE EDUCATION REGISTER.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, *appointed by the General Assembly*, has agreed with her sister institution, the BOARD OF MISSIONS, to support this monthly periodical, as a vehicle for conveying information to the churches in relation to the great objects they have in view.

In this first number, it is deemed proper to republish the plan of the Board. It is as follows:

"With a design to resuscitate, if possible, the Board of Education, and to proceed in future with more efficiency, it was, on the 17th of March last, resolved, to appoint an Executive Committee, who should meet weekly, and transact all the business of the Board, under its direction and supervision.—This Committee, soon after its appointment, resolved on the following principles, which have been confirmed by the Board.

1. That this committee recognize, as a rule of their proceedings, the decision of the Board, that no beneficiary shall hereafter be allowed, by this Board, more than one hundred dollars annually from our funds.

2. That any beneficiary who may receive other aid, shall annually report the nature and the amount of the same, to this Committee.

3. That in aiding young men, who are seeking the office of the Christian ministry, this Committee will, as a general rule, give the preference to those candidates for our patronage, who have made the greatest advancement in their studies.

4. That the Treasurer of the Board pay moneys on the order of this Committee, signed by the chairman; and that it be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to remit all moneys to beneficiaries at a distance from this city; for which purpose he shall receive the sums appropriated from the Treasurer.

5. That each beneficiary of this Board shall be considered as always on probation; and if the Executive Committee shall at any time discover such defects in capacity, temper, general manners or piety, as would render his introduction into the ministry of doubtful utility, they shall consider themselves religiously bound to make no further appropriations in his case: and to become qualified for the discharge of this duty, they will make frequent and minute inquiries into the character of persons assisted by the funds of the Board.

6. That no written obligation shall be required of any beneficiary, to refund the moneys which may be granted him by this Board; because we act upon the principle, that the church, as a moral parent, ought to provide for the education of such of her sons as may be indigent, and at the same time may probably become her faithful servants in the ministry of reconciliation; but we nevertheless desire every beneficiary to remember, that his duty to the church, to his younger brethren who seek the same holy office, and to his Saviour, requires that so soon as he is able he should refund the benefaction conferred on him with interest. Every beneficiary shall be furnished with an attested copy of this resolution.

7. That every member of this executive committee will endeavor to procure liberal subscriptions to the funds of the Board, to be paid annually for ten years, provided the subscribers shall live so long, or during the pleasure of each subscriber.

8. That the Corresponding Secretary and General Agent, and the Assistant General Agent, with such other agents as may from time to time be appointed, shall endeavour to promote the interests of the Board, by obtaining from individuals, subscriptions and donations; and by inducing Congregations, under the guidance of their respective sessions, to meet annually for the purpose of making annual subscriptions and payments to the Education Fund of the Board, or of the Presbyteries to which said congregations may appertain.

9. That any person or Congregation which will pay annually any sum not less than one hundred dollars, shall have the right of selecting the beneficiary who shall enjoy the benefaction; provided that the character and location of said beneficiary shall meet the approbation of this Committee, or of any Presbytery within the bounds of the General Assembly.

10. That the General Agent, or Assistant Agents, shall, as soon as practicable, visit every Presbytery within the bounds of the General Assembly, endeavour to stir up the minds of our brethren on this subject, seek out suitable young men to be devoted to the work of the gospel ministry, and place the same, with the approbation of the Presbytery to which the selected beneficiary

naturally belongs, in some school, college, or seminary, in which he may prosecute his studies, and, as far as possible, provide means within the bounds of each Presbytery, for the support of its own beneficiaries;—thus becoming, in fact, the Agent of each Presbytery visited, no less than of the Board of Education.

11. That the General and Subordinate Agents shall frequently report all their proceedings to this Executive Committee, and shall be subject to such particular instructions as they may from time to time receive.

12. That candidates be urged, on completing their course, to remember the important objects of the Board, and to promote them wherever Providence may direct their location.

13. That it shall be the duty of the General Agent and his assistants, to keep a book, in which shall be registered, in separate columns, the names of beneficiaries—by whom recommended—where receiving their education—whether graduates, and of what college—when entered upon the funds—and the total amount of appropriation; which register shall commence from the first establishment of the Board, and must always be presented at the meetings of the Committee

14. That when beneficiaries are supported by particular individuals or congregations, the Executive Committee will request of them the privilege of selecting the place in which their beneficiaries shall be educated.

15. That no appropriation shall be made to any whose attachment to the standards of the Presbyterian Church is questionable, and who may be unwilling to receive their theological education in a Presbyterian Seminary."

The work of love towards our object has begun; and hence we have the pleasure of announcing, that the persons whose names follow, have expressed their purpose to pay annually one hundred dollars each, to the Board of Education, viz:—

Daniel Montgomery, Esq. Danville, Pa.
Solomon Allen, Esq. Philadelphia.
Alexander Henry, Esq. do.
John Stille, Esq. do.
Robert Ralston, Esq. do.
Ezra Stiles Ely, D. D. do.
Jacob J. Janeway, D. D. do.
**Rev. Horace S. Pratt,* St. Mary's, Ga.

By looking at the report of the Board, published in the appendix to the Assembly's minutes for this year, it will be seen that the Board are sensible, that little has been done in comparison with what ought to have been done; and that they are desirous of acting with more zeal and efficiency in the important business of training up a numerous, honored and pious ministry for the Presbyterian Church.

Every member of this church, who sincerely believes the doctrines set forth in her standards, and is cordially attached to her form of government, must feel how important it is to her interest, peace, and prosperity, that candidates for the ministry in her communion, should sincerely believe these doctrines, and be cordially attached to this form of government. The Presbyterian Church then ought to superintend the education of all her youth who are destined to serve in the holy ministry; and to raise funds for the assistance of those who would rejoice to become qualified for this noble office, but who are destitute of the requisite means. Something has been done, and is now doing, by her in this laudable enterprize; but her efforts do not correspond, in zeal and liberality, to her population, wealth, influence and responsibility. Her efforts have been desultory and unconnected. It is desirable to see her whole strength and energy put forth in one mighty, combined, and continued effort for supplying her own churches with a faithful and able ministry, and contributing her part toward supplying the wants of the world in this most interesting concern.

The Board solicit the cordial co-operation of all our Synods, Presbyteries, Sessions and congregations; and invite them to become auxiliary, in *one form or other;* so as, at least, to secure annual reports from them to their Corresponding Secretary and General Agent, that he may exhibit in their annual report all that is doing by the Presbyterian church in the great business of educating young men as the heralds of the Redeemer's cross. Such an exhibition, spread every year before our churches, would serve to expose our defects, quicken our languid zeal, and stir us up to holy diligence. It would keep continually before the eyes of the liberal an object claiming a portion of their charity, than which they cannot, in the whole range of kindred objects, find one of deeper interest and of greater importance.

In the recent success and prosperity of

* Added since the report was made.

the Board of Missions, this Board most sincerely rejoices; and, in preferring her claims to the patronage and assistance of the churches, she has not the smallest desire to interfere with the continued prosperity of that Board, but, on the contrary, will find unfeigned pleasure in all the favors which it may receive. The two Boards are sister institutions of the same parentage. Both derive their existence from the supreme judicature of the Presbyterian Church. They cannot interfere; they are mutually dependent; the success of one will be the success of the other. If the Board of Missions collect large funds from the churches, she will need, and in fact does already need, an increase of missionaries, and of course must wish success to the operations of this Board in preparing young men for the business of preaching to the destitute and supplying the churches formed by the labors of her missionaries: and, on the other hand, if the Board of Education shall become successful in training up a noble host of devoted and able preachers of the Gospel, she will naturally look to her sister institution, to find them employment. The two Boards are parts of the same moral machinery that must be kept in harmonious and successful operation by the prayers and charity of the church.

The Board of Education do indeed earnestly request all the Education Societies that have been formed by our Synods, and Presbyteries, and congregations, to become auxiliary to them; and this they are authorized to expect, because they were appointed by the General Assembly to be a *centre of union and influence* to all such societies within their bounds. But they by no means wish to bring all our young men from the west and south, to be educated in the middle and northern sections of the church.—They will engage to apply any money that may be put at their disposal by the southern and western churches, to the support of beneficiaries recommended by their respective Presbyteries, and in academies and colleges they may designate.

Let all our churches arise and put forth their hand to this work of the Lord. Let them act in united, combined, harmonious and energetic efforts; and, then something will be done that will tell upon the Presbyterian church, and on generations yet unborn.

The following is an extract from the last report of the Board of Education, to the General Assembly, containing an appeal which we trust will be felt by every reader.

"We appeal to our Congregations, Sessions, Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assembly; we appeal to every communicant in our connexion, and ask, shall we, as a church, do nothing to furnish our vacant pulpits with able and faithful preachers of the gospel? Shall we pray, Lord send forth faithful and able labourers into thy vineyard, and do nothing more? Our prayers, in such a case, would be our condemnation.

It is a source of consolation to know, that many local Education Societies, and most of our Presbyteries, are doing something in this important work; and that the two hundred and forty-five beneficiaries referred to in this report, are at this moment deriving the principal part of their support from the Presbyterian Church; but the number ought to be increased fourfold; for more than nine hundred congregations, already organized, and under the care of the General Assembly, are seeking for stated pastors, but cannot find them.

Hitherto, the Board has received most of its funds from the city of Philadelphia. We hope our patrons in this favored city will become more and more alive to the best interests of the portion of Christ's kingdom in which he has cast their lot; and that they will never be weary in well doing. It is our earnest wish, that every section of the Presbyterian Church may also become sensible of the duty and privilege of granting liberal aid to the cause of education. The want of information has surely been one principal reason why so few have contributed to our funds; for we cannot persuade ourselves that most of the liberal persons in our connexion, would not aid our Board in preference to any other intended to operate extensively through our ecclesiastical bounds.

If we can induce the Presbyteries belonging to the General Assembly to engage in the business of seeking out and educating, within the sphere of their own immediate observation, all such young men as ought to be patronized by the church, we shall be satisfied, even should they contribute nothing for the support of the General Board. To them it appertains chiefly to judge of the qualifications of candidates for the paternal bounty of the church, and to watch over them in their preparations for the Christian ministry. As the organ of the Assembly, we would aid

these Presbyteries; and we hope soon to do it, extensively, by sending agents among them who may animate their zeal, quicken their diligence, propose candidates to their consideration, and collect funds for their support. Some one we design to procure, who will give his time and talents, and most prayerful labours, exclusively to this work; for without such a general agent to act in our name and our behalf, we are sensible that we shall accomplish but little, even should we not become extinct. Such an agent ought to have been selected years ago, even when we had no funds to defray his expenses; for he would have collected enough, not only for his own support, but that of one hundred beneficiaries. We regret to say, that we had then no spirit of noble daring; perhaps we ought to add, that we were wanting in confidence in our Divine Master, who, had we done our duty, would certainly have granted great prosperity to attend on the prayerful and faithful exertions of this Board. Our names have stood conspicuous in print on the Minutes of the Assembly, as challenging some honour, in consequence of their connexion with this honorable Institution; but few of us have ever moved a tongue, or a pen, to honour the Board, or to promote the benevolent objects of its formation. We now feel that it is high time for us to do something effectual, or to relinquish our official dignity, and the empty name of a Board of Education.

The Executive Committee of this Board, located in Philadelphia, look to the members of the Board who reside at a distance from the seat of its operations, for their countenance, friendly correspondence, and especially for their co-operation with our agents who may visit the regions of country in which they reside. Surely they will at least perform such services for their own Board, as the honorary members of other associations are accustomed to render. Surely, they will occasionally meet with the Board, during the sessions of the Assembly; and they will make such communications as will enlarge our views, and animate the drooping spirits of their brethren in this city, who, wanting much of the power of divine life for themselves, are expected, by some sluggish spirits, to resuscitate a whole country of dry bones. Frequently our lamps seem almost to go out, and we need not tell our brethren, that we have no oil of grace with which we can supply our fellow professors.

It is imagined by some, that not only must all the public business of the church be transacted by a few individuals in our larger cities; but that all the pecuniary resources for education, and missions, and theological seminaries, must come from the same. Our brethren in the country often do not realize that our large cities are full of poor people; and that the liberal few in them, are subject yearly to hundreds of applications for relief, which they cannot satisfy. Happy are those who have the ability, and the disposition to do liberal things; but if our church expects any great and powerful effort to be made for the supply of her vacancies, with well instructed pastors, there must be a general movement among her friends, and the ten thousand little springs of benevolence, must unite to form such an overflowing river of the water of life, as shall refresh the dry and barren portions of our country."

FORM OF A CONSTITUTION

FOR AUXILIARY SOCIETIES ESTABLISHED IN CONGREGATIONS.

Constitution of the Society of ———, auxiliary to the Board of Education, under the care of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Art. 1. The object of this Society shall be to aid the Board in educating pious young men for the Gospel ministry, agreeably to the plan published by the Board in the appendix to the Assembly's minutes for 1829.

2. Any person contributing *twenty-five* cents or more annually to its funds, shall be a member of this Society.

3. The affairs of this Society shall be conducted by ——— managers, chosen on —— day of —— month; when their report shall be read to the Society.

4. The managers shall chose a President, Secretary and Treasurer.

5. The Treasurer shall send to the Treasurer of the Board all the funds of the Society, excepting what may be needed for incidental expenses.

6. The Secretary shall send the annual report of the Society to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board by the first of May, to assist him in making out the report to the Assembly.

☞ The Board are happy to state, that the Rev. Dr. Neill, President of Dickinson College, Carlisle, has accepted their appointment of him as their Corresponding Secretary and General Agent. He will enter on the duties of his office in October next.

PLAN

For rendering Sessions Auxiliary Societies to the General Assembly's Board of Missions.

It is believed, after much reflection, that Sessions may become the best auxiliary Missionary Societies that can exist in the Presbyterian Church—that they are more happily adapted to this purpose than any other associations that can be devised, and may supersede the necessity of any other. Sessions are already formed, and must be continued as an essential part in the order and government of the Presbyterian Church; and by their taking an agency in missionary affairs, the church will act *directly by her own officers*, which is the most proper and desirable mode of action, in every thing in which the church is concerned. By Sessions assuming the form of Missionary Societies, all the trouble and all the expense of forming other Missionary associations will be saved; and at the same time Missionary bodies will become more numerous, and more extensively and generally influential, throughout the whole Presbyterian population, than they can ever be otherwise rendered. Missionary operations will in this way be more intimately brought home, as they need to be, to every congregation and to every individual in it, as a concern of their own: and when the people see their own representatives, men of their own choice, and in whom they have confidence, managing and superintending this business, they will be likely to contribute more willingly, generally, and liberally, than they would otherwise do. If in some places it should be considered necessary or expedient, that an individual or two, without becoming regular members of Session, should be joined with it for the special purpose of conducting missionary business, there could be no objection to such a measure.

Auxiliary societies in missionary operations are always chiefly employed in collecting funds for the use of a parent society, or missionary board, by which missions are planned and Missionaries selected and sent forth. Now the Supreme Judicatory of the Presbyterian church have appointed a Missionary Board, the funds of which may easily and most effectually be aided by Sessions in the following ways.

1. It has been proposed by the Board to endeavour to obtain a voluntary subscription of 50 cents annually, from each communicating member in the Presbyterian Churches; and from all non-communicating members in every congregation, who may be willing to make such a contribution. On the funds to be derived from this measure much reliance is placed; and to execute this measure the Session of each congregation is manifestly the natural and proper organ. Let the Session point out the most proper and practicable method of obtaining subscribers; let them appoint a treasurer (one of their own number or any other suitable person) to receive all monies collected in the congregation, and forward them as speedily as practicable to the treasurer of the Board of Missions; let a particular day in the year—say Christmas or New Year's day—be appointed on or before which the 50 cent contribution should be paid; and when the appointed day is near at hand, let the pastor be requested to remind the people from the pulpit of their engagements, and say something calculated to excite and cherish among them a missionary spirit; let some suitable person be appointed to call on those who may not have deposited their subscriptions on or before the appointed day, to collect and deliver them to the treasurer; let an accurate list be kept of all subscribers, and let their number of subscribers be annually forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

2. The Session may promote the keeping of mission boxes in the houses of those who are friendly to the Missionary cause, the contents of which may occasionally be deposited with the treasurer of the Session.

3. The Session may take order that collections for the support of Missions be taken up at the Monthly Concerts for prayer, and appropriate the sums col-

lected in such manner as they may judge to be most equitable: and at these concerts information may be given, as indeed it ought to be given, to the people relative to Missionary concerns, and their minds stirred up to pray for and contribute to the support of the Missionary cause.

4. The members of Session can also receive and in a proper way solicit donations of a larger amount than the annual 50 or 25 cent contribution from those who may be able and willing to make such donations: and if any of the members are acquainted with individuals likely to favour the Missionary cause by testamentary bequests, they may in a discreet and delicate manner remind such individuals of the importance of aiding in sending the gospel to the heathen and to the destitute in our own land.

The foregoing presents a simple plan, of easy execution; and if it be followed up with spirit the whole Presbyterian church may in a few years be, as it is most desirable that it should be, actively engaged in missionary operations. But to produce this effect the Sessions must make and continue some active exertions. Now as *personal responsibility* affords the best security for a careful and persevering attention to any business, especially if it be of a public nature, it may be well that each Session should fix on *some individual*, who may attend to the collection of their Missionary funds, and be charged with superintending the whole concern in the congregation. If this office be found burdensome, it may be, after a fixed period, passed from one individual to another. It may also be well if the Session should make it a standing rule to have two meetings at least in a year expressly for the purpose of attending to Missionary concerns. As the minister of every congregation is always the Moderator of its Session, much—very much—will depend on his taking the lead, cordially co-operating, and discreetly and zealously urging forward an attention to Missionary concerns, both in the Session, and generally among the people of his charge: and it is hoped that no minister in the Presbyterian church will refuse his aid, in a matter of such high importance to the Christian church and the salvation of immortal souls as the sending of the gospel to those who are perishing in ignorance and sin.

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BOARD OF MISSIONS.

As a direct channel of communication is now open between the Board and the Churches throughout our land, and as we have reason to believe that our friends at a distance are but very imperfectly acquainted with the past doings and present circumstances of the Board, we embrace the present opportunity for presenting more in detail, than we hitherto have done, a number of circumstances which appear to us, to claim the immediate and serious attention of all those churches and individuals who take an interest in our concerns, and desire an extension of our operations and usefulness.

It is with unfeigned pleasure, and a grateful sense of our unspeakable obligations to the glorious Head of the Church, that we assure the friends of Missions, that the Assembly's Board was never in so prosperous a condition as it is at the present time. Since its re-organization in May 1828, its resources and operations have been constantly and rapidly extending. The number of Missionary labourers now engaged in our service, is nearly four times as large as it was at that time—the increase of funds has been proportionably greater, and the amount of ministerial labour, during the current year, will be more than ten times greater, than the amount which was then reported. The great majority of our Missionaries are now located as Pastors or stated supplies of feeble churches, and the principal part of their support is derived from the congregations which they serve; and those who are engaged in the self-denying and arduous, but important and indispensable work of reviving old, and establishing new congregations amidst the moral desolations of the South and West, are almost without exception, limited in their operations to given districts in which the necessities of the people have been fully ascertained, and prompt and persevering efforts made to encourage and support the Missionaries who are sent among them. By adopting this plan of locating their Missionaries, and securing from the people the principal part of their support, the expense to the Board of each Missionary has been very much reduced, and consequently they have been enabled to employ a proportionably greater number of labourers, and to extend the charities of the churches to many thousands of the destitute, who must otherwise have been passed by, unrelieved.

To illustrate and enforce these general remarks, we invite the particular attention of the churches, to the following details:—

1. Missionaries and Missionary Agents.

By referring to the Annual Report, presented to the Assembly in May last, it will be found that the whole number of appointments which had been made by the Board during the preceding year was 101. Many of these appointments were for short periods, and had been fulfilled before the report was made, so that the number of Missionaries actually in the field at that time was considerably less than the number of appointments reported—the whole amount of ministerial labour embraced in those commissions, was between 50 and 60 years. During the four months which have elapsed since

our last annual report, fifty-one new appointments have been made, and 17 commissions have been renewed. The whole number of Missionaries and Agents actually engaged in the service of the Board at the present time is more than 100, and when all the appointments already made for the current year shall have been fulfilled, the amount of ministerial labour will be about 87 years.

2. Diminution of the Expense of Missionary Labours.

From the Report presented to the General Assembly in 1828 it appears that the whole amount of ministerial labour performed by the 33 Missionaries employed, was about eight years—and the average expense of each year's labour was 383 dollars. In consequence of the changes which have since been made in our plan of operations, the average expense of each year's ministerial labour, included in the preceding estimate, will be reduced to about 150 dollars. The reason of this difference in the expense incurred by the Board is, that they were then in the habit of employing most of their missionaries for short periods in itinerant labours, and allowing them full missionary wages, whereas they now generally become responsible for only one fourth, or at most for one half of that amount to Missionaries who are located, and employ comparatively few in strictly itinerant labours.

3. Location of Missionaries.

In the distribution of Missionaries through the different States and Territories there are difficulties and embarrassments of which none can be fully apprized, except those who have had experience in the highly responsible work of conducting extended missionary operations. The decided preferences of missionaries themselves, the comparative importance and urgency of the claims of the destitute who require aid, strict regard to economy in the appropriation of funds, and the probabilities and prospects of permanent and extensive usefulness, are considerations which must have a controling influence on the decisions of the Board in almost every case presented to their view. The natural and necessary consequence is, that in point of numbers, the distribution of missionaries through different states is very unequal. Of the Missionaries and Agents at present engaged in the service of the Board there are in Lower Canada 1—North Western Territory 1—Michigan Territory 1—West Tennessee 1—Massachusetts 1—New Jersey 2—North Carolina 2—Illinois 2—Missouri 2—Delaware 3—Virginia 4—Kentucky 3—Indiana 7—Maryland 8—New York 13—Pennsylvania 20—Ohio 28.

4. Auxiliary Societies.

The precise number of Auxiliaries cannot at present be given, because several of the agents engaged in forming them have not yet reported in detail the results of their labours. The probable number is about 200. These are chiefly congregational societies, organized agreeably to the 50 cent plan proposed by the Board—from which large contributions cannot be expected. On such Auxiliaries, however, the Board have deliberately chosen to depend for their principal resources. To justify their confidence, and to enable them to extend the sphere of their benevolent operations so as to satisfy the claims of the needy and destitute, a vast and rapid increase of the

number of Auxiliaries, is indispensably necessary. They do, therefore, most respectfully and earnestly solicit the serious and prompt attention of Pastors, Elders and Missionaries to this vitally important subject. It is believed there are but very few, if any, even of our most feeble churches, in which it is not both desirable and practicable to organize Auxiliaries. Of *Missionary Agents* especially, it is espected and required, that they will *spare no efforts* to effect the organization of every congregation they may visit, however small and inconsiderable may be the amount of subscriptions at first obtained. Let it not be forgotten that there are 2,000 churches in connexion with the General Assembly, and that if these can once be fully organized on the very simple and easy plan proposed by the Board, an annual income of 75 or 100,000 dollars will be secured for Missionary purposes; and that too without the contribution of more than a *single cent a week* from any individual in our communion. With such an annual income the Board of Missions, on the plan of appropriations, at present pursued, would be enabled to sustain more than 600 Missionaries in the field. To secure an object so immensely desirable, where is the Presbyterian church which will refuse to be organized; or where is the professing christian who will consent to withhold his contribution of a *cent a week?*

5. Monthly Publication of the Board.

The worth and utility of our unpretending periodical will be duly appreciated by those only who take a lively interest in the progress and success of the Missionary and Education cause. For the edification of such persons the work is chiefly designed and the terms of subscription have been regulated by a scrupulous regard to the *ability* of the *poor* of the flock of Christ. They are made to correspond precisely with the terms of subscription to Auxiliaries, in order that by the annual contribution of a *single dollar* any person may become at once a member of an Auxiliary, and be entitled to a monthly paper which shall be fully worth the whole amount contributed. On such conditions it is confidently expected that the great proportion of those who become members of Auxiliary Societies, will at the same time become subscribers also to the "Reporter and Register," and that in this way many thousands in our land will be made intimately acquainted with the plans and operations of the Assembly's Boards, who would otherwise have been deprived of this important information. The low price of the work will not admit of the expense of agencies to give it circulation, and the Board must depend on the voluntary efforts of their distant friends, and especially on the exertions of Pastors, Elders, Missionaries and Agents, to secure for this work a general and extensive patronage. Such voluntary aid is earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

6. Subscription of $100 a year, for 10 years.

The attention of our readers is again invited to this interesting plan for increasing the funds of the Board. The form of this Subscription, which originated about a year ago, with a few benevolent individuals in this city, is as follows, viz.

"The Subscribers agree to pay to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of

America, for the use of the Board of Missions acting under said Assembly, the sum of one hundred dollars a year, for ten years in succession; provided that one hundred subscriptions of the same amount shall be obtained before the first day of December, A. D. 1829; and it being understood that, the death of any subscriber shall render his or her subscription, null and void, after that event. *Philadelphia, Oct.* 26, 1828."

Of the number of subscriptions contemplated, but little more than one-fifth part has been obtained. The names of the subscribers are:—

Rev. Ashbel Green, D.D.	Philadelphia.	J. P. Engles,	Philadelphia.
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James Kerr,	do.	Several Individuals of the Presbytery of Lexington, Ky.	

From the preceding statement it will be perceived that only four subscriptions have been received out of the City of Philadelphia, and unless immediate and vigorous efforts be made in other sections of our country, this highly commendable and liberal effort must of necessity fail. And shall not the hopes of the Board, from this source, be realized? Let the wealthy members of our communion for a moment pause, and seriously consider the vast amount of good which will be accomplished, in case of success on the present plan of appropriations, to feeble churches, and destitute districts. The Board would be enabled, with the full amount of money contemplated in the subscription, to sustain annually in the missionary field 100 Missionaries, and these in the course of ten years would perform ministerial labour to the amount of 1000 years. The simple, but solemn question then which presents itself to the conscience of every wealthy Presbyterian in our land is this. Shall I contribute, of the abundance which God has given me, $100 a year, for ten years, and bless the moral desolations of the country, with the faithful labors of 100 Missionaries, and with 1000 years of ministerial labor,—or shall I retain my surplus money, and let the people perish in their ignorance? Let Pastors, Missionaries and Agents especially, go directly to the rich and prosperous within their reach, and propose the inquiry, and let them *expect* and *receive* the *rich fruits* of their self-denying efforts.

COMMUNICATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF WATERTOWN, N.Y.

About three weeks since an official communication was received from a Committee of the Presbytery containing the pleasing intelligence, that at a late meeting it had by a unanimous vote, declared itself Auxiliary both to the Assembly's Board of Missions and Board of Education—and that it had adopted a new and systematic plan of benevolent operations which promised to secure the prompt, united and vigorous efforts of all their churches. We were also informed that the "Black River Association," had with entire unanimity adopted

the same Plan and Resolutions. The letter from the Committee of the Presbytery contained a statistical account of the churches and destitutions within their bounds, which will be very useful to our Ex. Committee, and an urgent request that three missionaries, at least, should be immediately sent among them. We are happy to state that one experienced and efficient laborer has been secured, that two others have given encouragement that they will soon enter upon the important field, and we confidently hope that we shall be able, in the course of a very few weeks, to comply fully with the wishes of the Presbytery.

The plan of the Presbytery and Association, above alluded to, with an address to the churches appended, has just reached us, and we cheerfully present both to our readers. The plan itself is original, but simple and systematic, and if pursued with energy, will be highly useful and efficient; and the address although designed particularly for the churches embraced in the Association, contains suggestions and appeals which are applicable to all our churches and which ought to find their way to the *heart* & *conscience* of every disciple of Christ.

PLAN OF A BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION,

Adopted by the Presbytery of Watertown.

"Whereas it is the duty of every disciple of Christ to aid in furnishing the means to extend the kingdom of the Redeemer throughout the world; whereas, it is the duty of churches, and their officers, as such, to engage in promoting this great object; and as the existence of several benevolent societies in the same congregation occasions unnecessary distraction, loss of time and expense; therefore, resolved,

1. That this Presbytery be, and hereby is, organized into a General Benevolent Association, to supply the spiritual wants of this section of our country, and to aid in sending the gospel to every creature.

2. That an Executive Committee of seven persons, of whom three shall constitute a quorum, be appointed to organize the churches connected with us, into auxiliary associations, and in general to devise measures and employ means to promote an uniform and efficient system of benevolence. It shall be their duty to report their proceedings at each stated meeting of Presbytery.

3. That this Presbytery shall meet annually on the first Wednesday after the second Tuesday in February, for the purpose of promoting the interests of the several benevolent institutions for evangelizing the world. That at this meeting the Executive Committee shall report what the churches have done for benevolent objects the past year; information shall be communicated respecting the operations and wants of each of the benevolent institutions; a discourse or addresses adapted to the object of the meeting shall be delivered, and the Lord's Supper shall be administered.

4. That at present it is deemed proper to present only four distinct objects to the churches to be promoted through this organization, viz: the education of poor and pious young men for the gospel ministry; the circulation of Tracts, Domestic and Foreign Missions; that the contributions for these objects shall be solicited for the funds of the American Tract Society or its auxiliaries, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the Board of (Domestic) Missions and the Board of Education of the General Assembly.

5. That a concert of prayer be observed on the third Monday of each month, for the revival of religion within our bounds and for the divine blessing to rest on the efforts of this association.

6. That it be recommended to each church to organize itself into a General Benevolent association, upon the following plan:—

Resolutions recommended by the Presbytery and by the Black River association, to be adopted by the churches and congregations connected with them.

Resolved, 1. That this church and congregation be and hereby are a General Benevolent Association, auxiliary to the Presbytery to aid in supplying the spiritual wants of this section of our country and in sending the gospel to every creature.

2. The officers of this church shall be the officers of this association. It shall be their duty, each year to present a subscription book, containing four columns, to each member of the church, and to such members of the congregation as they may think proper, for their subscription for the current year, which subscription they shall cause to be collected and forwarded to such persons as the Presbytery shall designate as follows, viz., for the Board of Domestic Missions of the General Assembly on or before the 1st of January; for the Board of Education of the General Assembly on or before the 1st of April; for the American Tract Society, on or before the 1st of July; and for the American

Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions on or before the 1st of October. Each person shall have the liberty of designating to what other body his funds shall be sent, should he not choose either of the above.

3. This association shall meet annually on the 1st of January, unless the year shall commence on Sunday and then it shall meet the 2d of that month, at which time the other officers shall report what has been done during the past year, and shall communicate information concerning the operations and wants of the different benevolent bodies, and a discourse or addresses, shall be delivered, adapted to the object of the association.

P. S. Mr. Paul Abbot for the county of Lewis, and Mr. Levi Beebee for the county of Jefferson, have been appointed by the Committee to receive the contributions of the different associations.

ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES.

Dear Brethren,—The Presbytery of Watertown have recently adopted the subjoined plan of benevolent operations, with a view to promote in the churches, the grace of liberality and more vigorous efforts to extend the kingdom of our blessed Saviour. We present you, in this plan, only four distinct objects of benevolence. In doing so, we would not discourage you from promoting others; but would exhort you to render them all the aid in your power.

We wish you dear Brethren, more and more deeply to feel that "you are not your own," that your property, your talents, your influence are not your own, but the Lord's, inasmuch as he not only created you and keeps you in existence, but has "bought you with his own blood" and redeemed you from an odious servitude to sin, from an infamous captivity to Satan, and from the eternal agonies of the second death. For *his sake* we earnestly solicit your fervent prayers, your influence, and a due portion of the substance which God has given you to aid in promoting his cause on the earth.

Do not let any suppose that they are too poor to give, we are persuaded that there is scarcely a person in our churches who cannot give something, if he would exercise a little self-denial, and whose pittance would not be of less value than the large donations of the rich. Some of the peasants of France, whose daily food is broth without meat, deny themselves the salt with which they used to season it, that they may aid in sending the gospel which they love, to the perishing heathen. Compared to these, we all may give of our abundance. The Bible also tells us of a person who gave all her living, which was only two mites, and she was a widow, yet the Lord honored her. May you dear brethren, abound in this grace and the Lord will honor you, for he "loveth a cheerful giver," though he may not be able to give much. Be, therefore, hearty and liberal in this good work, to which the Redeemer calls you, and esteem it a privilege, as well as an imperious duty. "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said it is more blessed to give, than to receive—if any man will come after me, let him deny himself—whatsoever ye would that others should do to you, do ye even so to them." Do not forget, brethren, that there is "a giving which increaseth, and a withholding which tendeth to poverty;" and that there is a wo upon those "who will not come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Therefore "let every one lay by him in store as God hath prospered him."

As we are charged with the business of carrying this plan into operation, permit us to make a few suggestions to you.

1. Let every person subscribe, though the sum he may be able to give, be small. The rich should do so, because of their abundance; the poor should do so, that they may receive the divine blessing, and the young should do so, that they may learn to be benevolent.

2. Be punctual in your payments; and to be so, bear them in mind, and lay by from time to time, of that which God gives you. Do not be the cause of discouragement, of unnecessary trouble, and of loss of time to those who undertake to collect the subscriptions. And do not necessarily limit your donations by your subscriptions, but as you give unto the Lord, and not unto man, and are supposed to act from principle, give as the Lord has prospered you.

3. Let every one attend the Annual Meetings and learn what has been done during the past year, and show that he is interested in the cause of Christ, and has not given merely because he was asked to do so. Your absence will do much injury by discouraging your officers and brethren.

4. Let the officers of the churches, especially, become deeply impressed with the importance of doing more than they have ever done for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, and let them willingly take upon themselves the responsibility of raising the pecuniary means.

5. Let ministers preach oftener on the subject of benevolence, and present the claims of each of the institutions mentioned by us, to the people, that they may be enlightened, and become sensible of their great importance.

6. Let each person, if possible, attend the monthly concert of prayer, to be held on the evening of the 3d Monday in each month, for this association; but if he is prevented, let him sacredly observe it in private. Let the officers and brethren communicate, on these occasions, such information as will promote the association.

7. Let this address and the articles of the association be read at each annual meeting, and on the Sabbath preceding a Quarterly collection.

And now, dear brethren, feeling that great responsibility rests upon us on account of the important duties this Presbytery, under God, has assigned us, and being convinced that the command to "preach the gospel to every creature," will never be obeyed, unless more shall be done than has hitherto been accomplished, we fervently pray that the Lord will make us faithful as his stewards and servants, and that he will cause you, punctually, diligently and faithfully to perform his work. May the same grace be in you all which was in Christ Jesus, who though he was rich, became poor, that we, through his poverty, might be rich.

JOHN SESSIONS,
DAVID KIMBALL,
JAMES R. BOYD,
GEORGE S. BOARDMAN
LEVI BEEBEE,
JOHN H. WHIPPLE,
PAUL ABBOT,
Executive Committee.

Watertown, Sept. 21, 1829.

WANTS OF THE SOUTH AND WEST.

The following communication was recently received at the office of the Board of Missions, from a Missionary who has been engaged in our service for a considerable time, in Florida and Missouri, and who is still prosecuting his labours with energy and success. He speaks concerning the things which he has "*seen and heard*," and his appeals are founded on facts—*facts* which ought to affect the sensibilities, awaken the energies, and secure the immediate, united and persevering efforts of all who love their country and their Saviour.

"I cannot prevail upon myself to close this report, however protracted already, without calling your attention to, and pressing upon you, and through you upon the Board, all ministers of the Gospel, and students of our Theological Seminaries, the wants, the distressing wants, of the southern and western country.

It is true, indeed, these claims might be more ably and successfully advocated, by some who have been longer in these fields, and seen more of the wide spreading desolation than myself. But if they forbear, I must speak: or if they have already told you these things, I will join my feeble, but experimental testimony to theirs, that by our continual importunities we may at last prevail.

The great valley of the Mississippi already embosoms a population of about four millions of immortal souls, and is capable of sustaining a more dense and numerous population than all Europe! This statement will not appear too strong, if we consider the great geographical extent and natural resources of this valley, stretching from the sources of the Ohio westward to the Rocky mountains, and from the great northern lakes southward to the Gulf of Mexico, including almost every variety of climate. Consider, too, the amazing fertility of the soil, producing almost instantaneously, not only all the necessaries, but many of the luxuries of life in the richest abundance. Here the husbandman receives for his very moderate labour (I call it moderate, for such it is when compared with the toil of the north and east,) an increase of a hundred fold.

But, sir, our riches and blessings are almost all of the physical kind. "Behold, darkness covereth the earth, and gross darkness the people." And there are few "to turn them from darkness to light." In this fair portion of our country, there is a sore famine; tenfold more grievous than that which oppressed the Egyptians—here are multitudes of hungry, starving poor. Surely unto ourselves we may apply the words by the mouth of the prophet, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine into the land; not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord; and they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it."

By these western rivers, many "have sat down; yea, they have wept when they remembered Zion"—when they think of their Bibles, Sabbaths, and the droppings of the sanctuary beneath which they once sat; they "hang their

harps upon the willows," because there is none to break unto them the bread of life. Surely, say they, no man careth for our souls. Sir, I speak not the language of imagination, but cold and naked reality. I speak not for the thousands and thousands, whose faces I have not seen in this great valley. But I speak that I do know, and testify that I have seen. This is the state of things, these the desires, and these the feelings of many in Missouri and Florida, where I have laboured the last nine months.—Yes, here (and other western and southern states are equally destitute,) there are whole neighborhoods, settlements, villages, towns and counties, where there is not a solitary Presbyterian preacher. In Missouri, there is a population of about 120,000 inhabitants, and eight Presbyterian clergymen. In this state are five adjacent counties, in neither of which is there one minister of our order.

The population of Florida may be estimated at nearly forty thousand, and there you have one Missionary, I know of no more. I mention these things now, because the time is at hand when the dear young men in our Theological Seminaries will go forth into the harvest. Tell them of the multitudes who are perishing without an opportunity of hearing the word of God. And O! let them not say "There are yet some years and then cometh the harvest. Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on these fields; for they are white already to the harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few!" Let each one of them ask prayerfully, Lord what wilt thou have me to do! Under God, our eyes are turned to your Board, and the H. M. Society for help. Can you not send us a few devoted, self-denying young men this fall? Are there no young heralds of the Gospel in our Theological Seminaries, who burn with an holy ardour to unfurl the banner, plant the standard of the cross, and preach the riches of Christ where he has not been named? To such we would say, "come over and help us," and the God of all grace and consolation come with you. At this time the providence of God, and the calls of your Board seem to say, to such, "whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And methinks I hear many among those sons of the prophets respond, "here are we, send us."

We call upon them, we call upon the Board, and all ministers of the Gospel, and private Christians, to cut in sunder the cords which have so long bound the pinions of the angels "having the everlasting gospel to preach," and let them wing their way and speed their flight over the western mountains.

And to those who will forsake all and come to these destitute regions to be useful, it may truly be said, "rarely, if ever, has there been a more ample field, more urgent need, or a happier opportunity."

Praying that the divine blessing may rest upon you and the Board in all your deliberations and labours, I remain, sincerely and affectionately, yours in Christian bonds.

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

Indiana.

From Mr. John S. Thompson, to the Corresponding Secretary, dated, Portland, Fountain County, Aug. 14th, 1829.

Dear Sir,—The time has now come when it is my duty to transmit to you some account of my labours as a Missionary under the General Assembly's Board. I received my commission about the 1st of May, since which time I have been almost constantly engaged in the region of country assigned me.

Although my commission only extends to three months of the year, yet I shall at this time give you a general account of the manner in which all my time is disposed of. Also, some general account of the country in which I am called to labour.

The first settlements were made in this county about six years ago, yet by far the largest part have been made within the last three years. The present population of the county is supposed to be between seven and eight thousand, and is rapidly increasing.—There is one Presbyterian church organized in the county, called Coal creek, consisting of between 60 and 70 members. In this church I am employed one half of my time, depending for my support upon a subscription of $160, which, if collected, together with some other things which I receive from the people here, owing to my living amongst them, will probably amount to $200. The subscriptions are liberal, and show that the hearts of at least some of the people are engaged in the good work. Two of my people subscribe at the rate of $20 each, two at $15, and several others $10, for the half of my time. We have had our communion since I have been here, at

which time we received six persons on certificate, and five on examination, who for the first time sat down at the table of the Lord. There are also several other persons in the congregation who have manifested anxiety for the salvation of their souls. The prospect in this place is indeed flattering. Good attention is paid to the preaching of the word. We have also a prayer-meeting on every Sabbath, and on every Wednesday evenings, and the monthly concert of prayer on the first Monday of every month. There is also a Sabbath School, consisting of about 50 scholars, and about $12 dollars have been raised for the purpose of procuring a Sunday School Library. Other religious charities will, I have no doubt, ere long meet with a liberal support. At the present time, however, the church is engaged in building a house for public worship.

The remainder of my time is divided between two other places, both of which I consider to be Missionary ground.—Portland, one of these places, is a small town on the bank of the Wabash river. The settlements in this place and immediate neighborhood commenced about one year ago. There are now 40 families in the place, generally of a moral and industrious class of people. There can be a church organized here, probably of something more than 20 members. Portland promises to be a place of considerable trade, and the prospect at present is that, under the blessing of God, there will soon be a respectable church in that place. I preach there one-fourth of my time, and they have raised a subscription of $60 for my support. They have also a Sunday School, and have raised about $10 for the purpose of purchasing a Sunday School Library. It is expected, and I believe with good reason, that Portland and Coal creek churches will be able in a year or two at most, to support me the whole of my time. I shall, however, consider it my duty to divide my time until the country can be better supplied.

The remaining fourth of my time I spend in a neighbourhood, generally known by the name of the Forks of Coal creek. It is about the centre of the county, thickly settled, but much divided in religious sentiments. There are, however, several Presbyterian families in the neighbourhood, and there will, probably, in the course of this year, be a small church organized amongst them. There is a Sunday School in the neighbourhood, and they are making arrangements for purchasing a library. They will probably have about $10 for this purpose. They have subscribed $30 for the fourth part of my time.

There are four other places in the county where I preach occasionally through the week. Covington, one of these places, is the seat of justice for the county, and on that account, is a place of some importance. I preach there once in two weeks, and the people attend well. In fact, in every part of the country where I have been, the door is open for preaching, and the people appear desirous to hear. We have five Sunday Schools organized in the county, and between $50 and $60 raised for the purpose of purchasing libraries.—With respect to this region of country, generally, I must say the fields are white for the harvest and the labourers are few. And it is, I trust, the prayer of some amongst us, that the Lord would send more labourers into his harvest.—I would also here take it upon me to suggest to the Board the importance of sending, if possible, more labourers into this part of the vineyard. Two or three more missionaries could be profitably employed, and are, indeed, much needed in this region of country, if they be "men fearing God and hating covetousness."

This country is settling with a rapidity almost unexampled in new countries, and it is increasing in wealth and political importance as fast as it is in population.

The extensive prairies, interspersed with beautiful groves, even in a state of nature, present the most enchanting scenery, and afford the greatest facilities for immediate and extensive farming operations. But as I am more particularly concerned in the moral than the physical features of the country, I shall say no more on that subject."

From Mr. James Thomson, to the Corresponding Secretary, dated Crawfordsville, Montgomery county, Aug. 14, 1829.

"Since the commencement of my present arrangements, which were entered upon the first of April last, I have preached as formerly, one half the time in this place, Crawfordsville, and owing to the difficulties the people labour under in this new country of getting to meeting with their families from a distance, together with the necessity of giving encouragement to Sabbath School operations in destitute neighbourhoods, I have concluded, for the present, at least, to preach but once on the Sabbath

in town, and in the afternoon ride from four to eight miles, and assist in organizing a Sabbath School, or address one already organized; and at the close, preach to the people collected for that purpose, so that my Sabbaths here are now spent as follows. At sunrise, attend a prayer meeting; at 9 o'clock, attend and address the Sabbath School; at 10, attend a Bible class, tolerably respectable as to size; at 11, preach, and in the afternoon, ride out into the country as aforesaid, whilst the Session hold a prayer meeting in town, if there be no preaching. My Sabbaths abroad are, as far as practicable, spent in a similar way, so as to extend my exertions over as much of this destitute field as is consistent with my health and other engagements. One-fourth of my Sabbaths is spent statedly in a little church, which I organized last winter in the south west corner of this county, called Providence; the other fourth is spent in destitute settlements on the outskirts of this county or adjacent to it. I have not yet been able to effect the observance of the Monthly Concert, or the organization of Bible classes any where within the bounds of my labours, except in this place. I hope, however, to effect both these objects in a short time, in Providence church at least.—The prospects of ingathering, as the result of these labours, are not so flattering as they were last season, (it will be recollected that about fifty were added to this little church as the fruits of a reviving season last summer,) though there is nothing specially discouraging. Some of the professors at least, appear to be in some measure awake, and at times, earnestly engaged in wrestling for the blessing, though *earnestness*, in all of us, appears to be too much like the ebbings and flowings of the tide.—About fifteen have been added by profession to this church during the past four months, and others are inquiring. Some are also under awakenings in Providence. Several baptisms have been attended to, but these things will be regularly noticed in our Sessional reports. The attention has been generally very good wherever I have been, in places more destitute, and there is an increasing demand in all the destitute regions for Presbyterian preaching, which makes it necessary for us to make as many excursions and exploring trips as our other engagements will admit of.—In one of these trips made last month into a region of country, yet unorganized territory, bordering on this county, on the north east, I visited a settlement and a little town, where they expect to get the county seat when they become organized. Assisted in organizing a Sabbath School, preached several times and distributed tracts. In one place was told by at least one half of those to whom tracts were offered that none of the family could read. Was earnestly solicited to return, and promised to do so next month. Here is a promising section for Missionary labours. Since my arrival in this country, two ministers have been settled within the bounds of country over which I at first rode, and one, if not two more, might be almost as advantageously located within that region, as any of us, if the *right kind of men* could be sent us. I receive about $180 in this congregation annually, which is my principal dependance for support in this country; something like the half of that is in the produce of the country—such things, however, I need. I expect also to receive something from the Providence congregation, perhaps from $40 to $60, though I know not what it will be, as no places are given. From other places, little, if any thing, may be expected. I am, however, willing to depend on the people for my support in connexion with the Missionary appointment, as they will abundantly supply us with necessaries; and with your assistance, we shall, it is hoped, get along comfortably. To those who have never visited the west, and particularly some of these new sections of it, it is impracticable for us to make known on paper, either the very interesting openings that present themselves (particularly to young men who are willing to "endure hardness,") for present activity and future usefulness, or the peculiar difficulties they will have for a time to contend with, on account of the new and unsettled state of society, the present inability of friends to support the gospel among them, and the prejudices fostered in others against this work. Now is the seed-time here.—Society is forming, and, under God, much in its formation will depend on benevolent friends. But little can be expected from us at present in return for your favor. Something has been done in this congregation in seasons past, and probably a little will be done this season, though we are, at present, hard run for money, being under engagements for the building of a brick meeting house."

From Mr. W. Sickles, to the Corresponding Secretary, dated Rushville, (Ind.) Aug. 17, 1829.

Rev. and Dear Sir.—Since the date of my last letter, the attention to the preaching of the gospel in this place and vicinity, has continued to be very encouraging, and much serious inquiry has been excited, which, we trust, has already resulted in the saving conversion of some. On the first Sabbath in this month, we had another communion season in this church. On that occasion 14 persons were received on examination to the communion of this church, and one since, making in all 35 since the 1st of June. The Rev. Mr. Moreland, of Indianapolis, again assisted me on this last occasion. The assembly of people was unusually large for this part of the country, but the best order prevailed during the whole continuance of the religious exercises. The number of those who profess to be anxious is still considerable. Of those who have recently united with this church on examination, 19 are heads of families. Our Sabbath Schools continue their operations, and seem to be increasing in popularity, though there is no little feeling of opposition in the minds of many. In the county of Marion, there are sixteen or eighteen schools in operation, and though they had no little opposition to contend with at first, they have become very popular, and are encouraged by almost all denominations."

OHIO.

From Mr. John E. Annan, to the Corresponding Secretary, dated Somerset, Perry county, Sept. 10, 1829.

"The last Sabbath of August was agreed upon for the administration of the Lord's supper in Somerset, and the preceeding day for ascertaining whether a church could be organized in the place. The Rev. Mr. Culbertson, from Zanesville, and the Rev. Mr. Moon, of Unity, also attended with Mr. Wright. On Saturday, the 29th ult. six members were admitted on certificate, and seven on examination; and the election for Elders was held. On Sabbath the sacrament was administered, and we had a very solemn season. Many members of the congregations of Rushcreek and Unity were present on the Sabbath, and joined in communion with the little flock which had just been gathered together. This point, Somerset, which is esteemed one of considerable importance by the neighbouring clergy, is at length occupied; and I trust there is strength sufficient in the Presbyterian interest to prevent the church from dwindling away. They feel quite confident of their ability to support a minister for half of his time, and now talk of completing a small meeting house, of which the walls and roof were put up several years since.

On Monday last, the 7th inst. the Rev. Mr. Culbertson attended at Jonathan's creek, and a church was organized there. It consists partly of the country members of the Zanesville congregation, who reside west of the Muskingum; and partly of the remains of a congregation, which was organized in the same neighbourhood several years ago, but which, owing to some unfortunate difficulties with their minister, was broken into pieces, and almost entirely dispersed. Fifteen members were received from the old Madison congregation, and fourteen from that of Zanesville. The congregation just organized, is going on with much spirit, and have set about building a meeting house. Its site is six miles west of Zanesville, near the road to Somerset; and 12 miles from the latter place. It is in Muskingum county.

The church in Somerset is the *second* of the Presbyterians, I believe, which has been organized in Perry county. In the county there is but one settled minister of the Presbyterian denomination. The congregations of Somerset, and Newton, on Jonathan's creek, can together support a pastor. Each is willing to engage for one half of his support."

PENNSYLVANIA.

From Mr. S. Montgomery, to the Corresponding Secretary, dated Martinsburg, Huntingdon county, Sept. 1, 1829.

Dear Sir.—Since my last communication, I have been employed in the same field, viz. Martingsburg, Coffee Run, Trough Creek, Shivleysburg, Petersburg, and their respective neighbourhoods. In each of these places, meetings are well attended, and the word is heard with apparent avidity, with the exception of where they are fearfully negligent of the means of grace. To these I have preached the gospel in private, going from house to house, and have reason to hope my feeble endeavors have not been altogether in vain. Some were labouring under deep conviction. What may be the result, whether these impressions will wear away as the morning cloud, or eventuate in their turning to the Lord, is uncertain.

In each of the towns there is a Sunday

School, but none of them in a flourishing state, owing to the want of pious and zealous teachers.

My Bible classes are in a prosperous state. It would seem from the degree of attention the people give to, and the interest they manifest in this mode of instruction, that they attach considerable importance to it. This is a promising indication of good.

THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURG.

The Assistant Secretary has just returned from the section of country embraced by this Synod, where he has been engaged for four or five weeks in organizing congregations as auxiliaries to the Board. We are happy to learn, that he was received with great cordiality by all the churches; that the object of his mission was highly approved, and that a large number of the sessions and congregations were organized on the plan of the Board, and contributed cheerfully, promptly and liberally in aid of its funds. The names of the auxiliaries established, and the amount of the contributions received from each, will be given in our next number.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS.

Wm. P. Alrich, 1 year, Memphis, Shelby county, W. Tennessee.

Rev. J. Purkis, neighborhood of Montreal, Lower Canada, 1 year.

Rev. R. B. Dobbins, 6 months, Williamsburg, Clermont county, Ohio.

Rev. Silas Hubbard, 1 year, Cataraugus and Allegany counties, N. York.

Mr. James M'Kennan, 1 month, Missionary agent in the Synod of Pittsburg, Pa.

Mr. James Paine, 1 year, Lexington Presbytery, Va.

Mr. Wm. Hughes, 6 months, Perryville, Lake Fork, and adjacent destitutions, Ohio.

Mr. Charles W. Gardner, 1 year, 1st African church, Philadelphia.

Missionaries Re-appointed.

Rev. J. Winchester, 1 year, Geauga county, Ohio.

C. W. Mustard, 1 year, Laurel and vicinity, Del.

D. R. Preston, 6 months, vicinity of Tallahassee, Florida.

J. E. Annan, 6 or 8 months, Camden county, Geo.

Robert Thompson, 1 month, Chesnut Level and Little Brittain, Lancaster county, Pa.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

J. Winchester, Ohio; J. V. Henry, N. Y.; W. S. Potts, Missouri; J. M. Dickey, St. Augustine; W. P. Alrich, Del.; T. Barr, Ohio; J. Thompson, Ind.; J. S. Thompson, Ind.; J. Purkis, N. Y.; W. J. Fraser, Ohio; L. M'Leod, N. Y.; D. Burgess, Ohio; G. W. Musgrave, Md.; J. Deruelle, N. J.; S. Montgomery, Pa.; M. Hunter, N. Y.; R. B. Campfield, Pa.; G. S. Boardman, N.Y.; J. W. Alexander, N. J.; H. Doolittle, N. J.; J. Hudson, Ky.; J. Barr, Ohio, 2; J. C. Marsh, N. J.; T. Lucas, Pa.; J. Gloucester, Pa.; J. Paine, Pa.; A. Alexander, N. J.; J. W. Quillin, N. C.; H. Van Deman, Ohio; J. Wolf, Ohio; W. Williams, N. Y.; D. C. Allen, Ohio; R. Thompson, Pa.; R. Rutherford, Ohio; D. R. Preston, Missouri; C. H. Mustard, Del.; J. G. Forie, N. J.; E. P. Swift, Pa.; L. Henderson, Tenn.; E. Hart, Ohio; G. Printz, Ohio; R. G. Lynn, Ohio; S. K. Talmage, Geo.

Account of Cash received by the Board of Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church during the month of September, 1829.

Collection in church at Dutch Neck, by Mr. D. Deruelle,	10	50
Received from Mr. S. B. Ludlow, for a subscription to the Philadelphian,	1	00
Collection in the Sixth Presbyterian church, Monthly concert,	6	18
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Collections received from Mr. W. J. Fraizon, of Tennessee,	50	00
Received from a lady in the country, her annual subscription,	2	00
Donation from Capt. John Wootten, from Canton, of Philadelphia, by the Rev. Dr. Green,	50	00
	138	81

SOLOMON ALLEN, Treasurer,
No. 18, South Third street.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS.

All persons, to whom the present number of this work is sent, who *decline becoming subscribers*, are requested to *return* the same, together with the first number, to this city, directed to the Rev. *Joshua T. Russell*, Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

All *Pastors, Missionaries and Agents*, to whom this work is sent, are earnestly invited and fully authorised to act as *Agents* for the same, to obtain subscribers, collect funds, and remit monies to the Corresponding Secretary and General Agent. Early returns of the names and address of the subscribers are requested.

THE EDUCATION REGISTER.

EDUCATION BOARD.

The Executive Committee of the Education Board are happy to announce to the public that the Rev. Dr. NEILL, their Corresponding Secretary and General Agent, has entered upon the duties of his office, and that he is now engaged in visiting some of our cities, and also some of our Synods, with a view of presenting and explaining the plans and wants of the Board, and commencing a system of operations, which, it is hoped, will prove to be acceptable and efficient.

But little time having elapsed since the re-organization of the Board, and the appointment of executive officers, the committee have hitherto been employed chiefly in devising and digesting plans, and adopting measures for future operations. They have ventured, however, with an *empty treasury*, to assume, in behalf of the churches, the responsibility of adding to their former list of beneficiaries, the names of *twenty* young men of piety, talents and promise, the sons of the church, and members of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, whose necessities were of so pressing a nature, that their preparatory studies must have been abruptly suspended, had not the requisite aid been immediately afforded. For the *funds* already *pledged* for their support, the Committee are entirely dependent on the charities of the churches. With confidence they now make their *appeal*, and will wait in *expectation* for the *desired results*. They announce to the friends of the education cause, that there are *many young men* of hopeful piety and promise, besides those whom they have already enrolled as beneficiaries of the Board, who are not only willing, but *extremely anxious* to enter without delay, upon a preparatory course of studies for the Gospel ministry, but they wait for encouragement and pecuniary aid, and without it, they cannot go forward. Their indigence forbids the attempt. The *knowledge* of this interesting *fact*, might be of itself sufficient to call forth the liberal contributions of all who have ever uttered in sincerity the prayer which was dictated by the Master, "Send forth labourers into thy harvest"—but we will still enforce our appeal to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, and desire the universal spread and success of his Gospel, by presenting to their most candid and devout attention, the following remarks of the Rev. Dr. MILLER, selected from his recent Introductory Lecture to the students of the Theological Seminary at Princeton. Did our limits permit, we would most gladly republish the whole of this very timely, able and solemn address, which ought, without delay, to be put into the hands and impressed upon the heart of every candidate, presbyter, and patron of the education cause, throughout our land. We must content ourselves at present, however, with a single quotation. The specified object of the Lecture, in the language of the author, is to impress upon the minds of those addressed, "that the preliminary studies of a candidate for the holy ministry ought to be as mature and complete as he can make them; and, of consequence, that nothing less than what is commonly styled a "regular course," either here or elsewhere, under the direction of some approved teacher or teachers, ought to be considered as sufficient, by any theological student, who wishes to be, permanently, either acceptable or useful in the sacred office."

The last argument, in support of this position, is as follows, viz.

"8. Let me, once more, intreat you to consider, as a further argument on this subject, that our country, and especially some parts of it, *stand in need of nothing at this moment (next to the sanctifying grace of God) so much as a larger supply of truly able, pious, and well-trained ministers of the Gospel.*

There is, in my opinion, a great and grievous mistake prevailing in regard

to this matter. Many youthful and unfurnished canidates for the ministry profess to be anxious to get into the field of labour, because, say they, "the harvest is so great and the labourers so few." They feel for the spiritual desolation which they witness, and of which they hear. They figure to themselves thousands "perishing for lack of vision;" and they sometimes imagine that, in circumstances so urgent, it would be almost criminal in them to remain poring over their books, while so many souls are passing daily into eternity, without any to tell them of Him, "whose blood cleanseth from all sin." But this reasoning is founded on a total misapprehension. "The harvest is indeed great," and it is distressing to think that the labourers are so few." The harvest, however, is not greater than it was in the days of our Lord's personal ministry. The whole world was *then* in a state of even more complete moral desolation than at present. And yet He did not think proper to enter upon his public ministry until he was full "thirty years of age." The harvest is not greater, or more distressingly in need of labourers, than it was in the days of *Paul;* and yet that holy man, immediately taught of God, would receive "no novice" to the work of the ministry, would "lay hands suddenly on no man," even for the purpose of sending forth a messenger of life to the perishing. The *number* of ministers, my beloved pupils, is unspeakably less important than their *character*. There is indeed, the most pressing want of more labourers to go forth and feed the destitute and perishing millions in every part of our revolted world. But I will venture to say, there is a still greater want of *well-qualified* labourers, in whom piety, wisdom, prudence, zeal and learning are conspicuously united. *One* such man will really be likely to do more good—far more good—than fifty unqualified men, or men not furnished, in some measure, as public teachers and guides ought to be. One such man as *Brainerd*, or *Edwards*, or *Buchanan*, or *Martyn*, would be really more useful to the Church, and to their generation, than many scores of weak and ignorant men, and especially men of dubious piety, under the name of ministers. So the word of God teaches; and so we judge concerning other professions.—Suppose a population of ten thousand families to be labouring under a contagious and mortal disease. Would it be better to send among them half a dozen wise and skilful Physicians, or fifty or even a hundred miserable quacks, who would be likely to kill more than they would cure? Surely no thinking man can hesitate a moment about the proper answer. The truth is, there are unqualified men enough in the ministry. Other denominations are furnishing them in abundantly sufficient numbers. The task seems to be incumbent on *us*, under God, to train up for the service of the Church, ministers of a more mature, scriptural and elevated character; and if the proper qualifications are not insisted on, and provided for by our Church; if the great mass of those sent out by *us*, are not able as well as pious and faithful "ministers of the New Testament," I know of no denomination of Christians likely to supply the deficiency.

Look abroad, my young friends, upon this nation, in all its settlements, in the length and breadth of them. Contemplate the number, the character, and the wants of our population. Behold the melancholy reign of ignorance and vice. Contemplate the learning, the boldness, and the industry of heresy on every side. Mark well the prevalence, the unwearied diligence, and the eloquence of infidelity. Think how much able writing, as well as skilful and powerful preaching, is called for by the shrewd and hostile millions within our widely extended territory. Advert for a moment, to the mighty influence which the press is destined to exert over this people, and how deadly that influence must be, if it be not guided and sanctified by the religion of Jesus Christ. Think of the interests of *literature* as well as of piety. Count the number of the youth who are to be trained up either for usefulness and heaven, or profligacy and perdition. Ponder well the necessities of our Seminaries of learning, if they are to be made a blessing and not a curse. Look at these things, beloved candidates for the holy ministry, and consider seriously what must be the consequence, without a series of miracles, unless the young soldiers now coming forward to the service of the Church take care to be adequately girded for the mighty warfare before them;—and if your "spirits are not stirred within you" by the sight, to take high aims in preparing for your work; to aspire to elevated attainments in knowledge, and in piety, you are but ill fitted for this age, or for the office which you seek.

With these impressions, when I see young men under the notion of serving the Church, and of supplying the urgent demand for ministers, prematurely, and

without proper furniture, pressing into the pulpit, instead of rejoicing, I mourn. They may have pious intentions, and may sincerely think they are promoting the welfare of the Church; but they are preparing, in all probability, to inflict upon it a real injury. They may think "the Lord hath need of them." But they are deceived. The Lord is a God of order, and not of confusion, in all his Churches. He has never made mental inbecility, ignorance, rashness, and incompetence, proper qualifications for doing his work. If "the Lord had need of them," he would not only open the door for their entrance, but would also qualify them for their work. In short, it cannot be too strongly impressed on the mind of the youthful candidate for the sacred office, that it is not mere additions to our *numbers*—a *larger list* of ministers of *any sort* that we need; but more ministers of the *right stamp;* men really fitted by the union of holy zeal, sound wisdom, and solid knowledge, to enlighten, counsel, guide, and bless the Church; and that if they be essentially wanting in the qualifications necessary for this purpose, they had better be in any other profession than that of the holy ministry. The truth is, if we had but *half our present number of ministers*, yet, if *that half* were all men of the *primitive, apostolic spirit*, our beloved Church and country would be far more richly blessed than they are at this hour. We should soon witness scenes which have seldom greeted the eyes of Christ's ambassadors, since the days of apostolic zeal and triumph.

The inference from all this, is, that every candidate for the holy ministry who desires to serve the Church of Christ in the most acceptable and useful manner; who wishes to be a rich and extensive blessing in his generation; who would be suitably prepared to meet the character and the demands of the age in which he lives—ought by all means, if it be possible, to go through a regular and mature course of preparatory study; that he is bound to exert himself to the utmost to attain this object; that his duty to God, to the Church, to his country, and to himself—all conspire to show the *criminality*, as well as the *folly* of resting contented with any thing short of it, if it be within his reach.

And by going through a "regular and full course of study," I do not mean a mere *nominal* course; but a real, and faithful devotion to the prescribed studies, during the whole time assigned for them. Students may be three full years in a Seminary, and yet, by that unsteadiness of application, which is either the *original weakness*, or the unhappily *contracted habit* of so many serious young men;—by yielding to every solicitation, which wears the remotest aspect of a call of Providence, to break in upon their daily task; by accepting *agencies*, which commence a little *before*, and extend a little *beyond* the limits of their vacations; by allowing almost any plausible object, either of curiosity or of business to prevent their punctual return at the opening of each session; by forming engagements of different kinds, in the neighbourhood of the Seminary, which frequently and perhaps statedly, interfere with some of its appointed duties; by attending anniversaries, and other religious meetings; and in ways almost too numerous to be specified, scarcely suffering a *month* or even a *week* to pass, without permitting some unnecessary inroads to be made on the time professedly devoted to study.—I say, in these ways, they may reduce the *real* value of their *nominal three years*, to what a student of diligent habits would easily have found in *two-thirds*, or even in *one-half* of that time. Remember that a prescribed time and course of study, are merely deceptive, if they be not as diligently and constantly occupied as health will permit. God forbid, my young friends, that I should discourage your attention, even now, to any proper object connected with the eternal well-being of your fellow men. But recollect that "for every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." Remember that you have come hither to *prepare* for the ministry, not to *commence its duties*. Remember that engagements out of the Seminary, even of a *religious nature*, may be improper for you *at present;* and that they certainly are so, if they are either unseasonable or excessive in their encroachments on your time; or if they are calculated, in any way, materially to interfere with the regular course of study, which you have voluntarily brought yourselves under solemn obligations to pursue.

Prize every moment, then, of your three years' course as a precious treasure. Avoid wasting one of those moments with as much care as a miser would avoid throwing away a piece of gold. Rely upon it, you have not a moment to lose. Your whole time will be found too little for the great objects which you profess to have in view. Constantly bear in mind the *purpose* for which our venerable Church has incur-

red the expense of founding and supporting this Institution, and also the professed *purpose* for which you have entered it; and recollect that every engagement, either in or out of this house, which is not really subservient to the great object for which you have come hither, is something like a fraud upon your own consciences, and upon the Church who claims your time, your talents & your best services,as all her own.

Whatever may be the grade of your talents my young friends, or the peculiar character of your minds, respectively, the course which I recommend may be said to be equally necessary to you *all*. On the one hand, those whose powers are of the moderate and solid kind, rather than the brilliant,—and this has been the character of some of the most eminently useful men that ever lived—ought to be aware that they need all the excitement, the invigoration, and the culture which the most mature and diligent study can give them. And, on the other hand, those who are endowed with remarkably lively, vigorous, and even brilliant talents, should recollect that *they* need all that I have been recommending, on some accounts, even *more* than others. For I hold that no class of men are more likely to do harm in the sacred office, than your striking, splendid, popular preachers, who have power to excite strong feelings, but not wisdom, prudence, and knowledge enough to regulate and direct them. A ship that carries much sail, and but little lading, is always in more danger in traversing the ocean, than the vessel which spreads less canvass to the winds, and at the same time bears an equal, or even a less cargo. All ample lading is, of course, more necessary to the safety of the former than of the latter. Let no candidate for the ministry, then, imagine that the sprightliness and force of his talents can supercede the necessity of mature study. Nay, so far from this, careful study and training are, to *him*, on that very account, the *more indispensable*. The more vigorous, powerful and active his mind, the more he needs the directing, restraining, and sanctifying influence of much study, prayer, retired communion with God, and counsel with age and experience. Without these, he is in far more danger than the man of dull and feeble powers, of falling into the varied evils which are apt to flow from eccentricity, impetuosity, or the pride of talent.

I hope no one will so far misunderstand my main purpose in this Lecture, as to suppose that I would bind every theological student to pursue the course which has been recommended; or that I would refuse admission to the sacred office to all, without exception, who have not enjoyed this privilege. The contrary may be inferred from several things which I have said, but I choose to be explicit on this point. The old law maxim, *Summum jus, summa injuria*, may be applied here. To press a general principle too far, is to pervert and abuse it. Some have not *health* enough to sustain them in such a course as has been urged. Others are unavoidably shut out, by the Providence of God, from that measure of *temporal support* which is indispensable to their prosecuting such a plan of preliminary study as they themselves earnestly desire. In such cases, if there be uncommon ardour of piety, joined with uncommon judiciousness, prudence and zeal, they ought to be admitted, after a shorter and more imperfect course of study than is commonly and properly deemed regular. Still, in every such case, the privation of the opportunity of mature study ought to be regarded by the individual himself, and by all his friends—and *will* be regarded by both, if they have good sense—as a *serious disadvantage;* a disadvantage to which nothing short of *necessity* should induce him to submit; and which can scarcely fail to abridge, and, in all probability, very materially, the usefulness as well as the comfort of all his ministrations.

Besides; let it be considered, that, after doing all we can to raise the standard of Ministerial Education and Character, there will still be some, and, indeed, a considerable number, of those whom we attempt to conform to it, who will fall far short of this standard. Just as in a *College*—with the best system of instruction, and the best teachers in the world, there will always be some indifferent and even poor scholars. But, surely, it is desirable to have as *few* of these as possible, and the system of instruction should be so framed and applied, as to lift up as many as possible to the highest grade of excellence. In like manner, too, in a field of *corn*, with the best plan of culture that ever was or can be adopted, there will be some feeble and small ears of grain. But what then? Because there always *will* be such, in spite of every thing that the best husbandman can do, would it be wise in him to lay his plan in such a manner as should be calculated to make his whole crop to consist of stunted and miserable ears? common sense says no."

PLAN

For rendering Sessions Auxiliary Societies to the General Assembly's Board of Missions.

It is believed, after much reflection, that Sessions may become the best auxiliary Missionary Societies that can exist in the Presbyterian Church—that they are more happily adapted to this purpose than any other associations that can be devised, and may supersede the necessity of any other. Sessions are already formed, and must be continued as an essential part in the order and government of the Presbyterian Church; and by their taking an agency in missionary affairs, the church will act *directly by her own officers*, which is the most proper and desirable mode of action, in every thing in which the church is concerned. By Sessions assuming the form of Missionary Societies, all the trouble and all the expense of forming other Missionary associations will be saved; and at the same time Missionary bodies will become more numerous, and more extensively and generally influential, throughout the whole Presbyterian population, than they can ever be otherwise rendered. Missionary operations will in this way be more intimately brought home, as they need to be, to every congregation and to every individual in it, as a concern of their own: and when the people see their own representatives, men of their own choice, and in whom they have confidence, managing and superintending this business, they will be likely to contribute more willingly, generally, and liberally, than they would otherwise do. If in some places it should be considered necessary or expedient, that an individual or two, without becoming regular members of Session, should be joined with it for the special purpose of conducting missionary business, there could be no objection to such a measure.

Auxiliary societies in missionary operations are always chiefly employed in collecting funds for the use of a parent society, or missionary board, by which missions are planned and Missionaries selected and sent forth. Now the Supreme Judicatory of the Presbyterian church have appointed a Missionary Board, the funds of which may easily and most effectually be aided by Sessions in the following ways.

1. It has been proposed by the Board to endeavour to obtain a voluntary subscription of 50 cents annually, from each communicating member in the Presbyterian Churches; and from all non-communicating members in every congregation, who may be willing to make such a contribution. On the funds to be derived from this measure much reliance is placed; and to execute this measure the Session of each congregation is manifestly the natural and proper organ. Let the Session point out the most proper and practicable method of obtaining subscribers; let them appoint a treasurer (one of their own number or any other suitable person) to receive all monies collected in the congregation, and forward them as speedily as practicable to the treasurer of the Board of Missions; let a particular day in the year—say Christmas or New Year's day—be appointed on or before which the 50 cent contribution should be paid; and when the appointed day is near at hand, let the pastor be requested to remind the people from the pulpit of their engagements, and say something calculated to excite and cherish among them a missionary spirit; let some suitable person be appointed to call on those who may not have deposited their subscriptions on or before the appointed day, to collect and deliver them to the treasurer; let an accurate list be kept of all subscribers, and let their number of subscribers be annually forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

2. The Session may promote the keeping of mission boxes in the houses of those who are friendly to the Missionary cause, the contents of which may occasionally be deposited with the treasurer of the Session.

3. The Session may take order that collections for the support of Missions be taken up at the Monthly Concerts for prayer, and appropriate the sums col

lected in such manner as they may judge to be most equitable: and at these concerts information may be given, as indeed it ought to be given, to the people relative to Missionary concerns, and their minds stirred up to pray for and contribute to the support of the Missionary cause.

4. The members of Session can also receive and in a proper way solicit donations of a larger amount than the annual 50 or 25 cent contribution from those who may be able and willing to make such donations: and if any of the members are acquainted with individuals likely to favour the Missionary cause by testamentary bequests, they may in a discreet and delicate manner remind such individuals of the importance of aiding in sending the gospel to the heathen and to the destitute in our own land.

The foregoing presents a simple plan, of easy execution; and if it be followed up with spirit the whole Presbyterian church may in a few years be, as it is most desirable that it should be, actively engaged in missionary operations. But to produce this effect the Sessions must make and continue some active exertions. Now as *personal responsibility* affords the best security for a careful and persevering attention to any business, especially if it be of a public nature, it may be well that each Session should fix on *some individual*, who may attend to the collection of their Missionary funds, and be charged with superintending the whole concern in the congregation. If this office be found burdensome, it may be, after a fixed period, passed from one individual to another. It may also be well if the Session should make it a standing rule to have two meetings at least in a year expressly for the purpose of attending to Missionary concerns. As the minister of every congregation is always the Moderator of its Session, much—very much—will depend on his taking the lead, cordially co-operating, and discreetly and zealously urging forward an attention to Missionary concerns, both in the Session, and generally among the people of his charge: and it is hoped that no minister in the Presbyterian church will refuse his aid, in a matter of such high importance to the Christian church and the salvation of immortal souls as the sending of the gospel to those who are perishing in ignorance and sin.

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BOARD OF MISSIONS.

In issuing the third number of our monthly periodical, it is with great pleasure that we find ourselves in a situation to announce, that the prospects of both the Boards whose proceedings we report, brighten almost daily. Not only is there a constant increase of the congregations that become auxiliaries to the Board of Missions, but Presbyteries, Synods and Missionary Associations are assuming the same character. It would seem as if the Presbyterian church was not only awaking to the solemn duty of doing her part in the sacred enterprize of evangelizing the world, but becoming sensible that she can best do it, by rallying her children under her own standard. We rejoice in this;—not, we trust, from a spirit of bigotry or sectarism, for we are willing that other churches should do the same, and are glad to see that several of them are doing it in fact—but because we are fully convinced that in this way more will be done to advance *the good cause* than in any other; because we are persuaded that when churches *act as such* in these concerns, they act most closely in accordance with the gospel order; and because all our observation and experience go to satisfy us more and more, that the Presbyterian church will enter most extensively, cordially, and spiritedly, into Missionary and Educational concerns, through the medium of her own officers and institutions, and when it is seen that she is directly providing for her own wants, while she is promoting the general influence and wider spread of evangelical truth, and providing the bread and water of life for perishing thousands.

The encouragement given to this paper is of the most flattering kind. Scarcely does a post arrive which does not considerably increase the list of our subscribers. As yet, however, that list is not a fourth part as large as we think it ought to be, and as we are confident it soon will be, if ministers of the gospel, ruling elders in churches, and other influential individuals, who are favourable to our views, will countenance them as much as they easily may. The price of the paper is so low—and has been made so with design—that the poorest individual in our communion, who wishes to possess a copy, may obtain it without any very embarrassing privation—for where is the straitened widow, or the individual, male or female, who labours for a living, that would much feel the additional expense of a cent a week, which is all that is necessary to put him or her into possession of this vehicle of intelligence.

The congregations that have adopted the excellent, and as we think the best and easiest method, of contributing to the funds of the Assembly's Board of Missions—the plan of every church member, and as many others as will join in the benevolent and christian enterprize of sending the gospel to the poor and destitute, engaging to give for the purpose fifty cents per annum—such congregations will permit us to remind them, that *punctuality* in making their payments, within, or before the close, of each succeeding year, will greatly encourage and facilitate the operations of the Board. Some congregations that took the lead in this good work are now in their

second subscribing year, and their second contribution would, at the present time, considerably relieve the funds of the Board, from a pressure which the employment of an unexpected number of missionaries has occasioned.

SYNODICAL AND PRESBYTERIAL REPORTS.

Presbytery of Miami, Ohio.

A member of the Presbytery of Miami, in a letter dated Springfield, Ohio, October 12th, 1829, addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, mentions that the Presbytery of Miami at their late meeting, which took place about the 8th of the same month, resolved that they would become auxiliary to the Assembly's Board of Missions.

Presbytery of Steubenville, Ohio.

The extract from the minutes of the Steubenville Presbytery, as sent to the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions, dated Steubenville, Ohio, October 9th, 1829.

I am instructed by the Presbytery of Steubenville to forward to you the following extracts from their minutes.

Sessions of the Presbytery of Steubenville, October 7th, 1829.

The Presbytery of Steubenville view with heartfelt gratitude to God, the exertions making by various Missionary Societies to evangelize the heathen, and to afford supplies, and pastors to feeble and destitute churches in our land. They feel particularly gratified with the vigorous endeavours recently made by the Board of Missions emanating immediately from the highest judicature of our church.

To encourage them in their good work we adopt the following resolutions.

1. Whereas the Board of Missions of the General Assembly have recently commenced a course of vigorous and extended operations, somewhat suited, both to the wants of the churches, and the spirit of the age; this Presbytery do consider it as one of the most encouraging signs of the present day, and they hereby pledge themselves to sustain the Board, by endeavouring to have the members of their congregations organized into societies auxiliary to the Board of Missions upon the plan recommended by said Board, and to use every effort as far as they can, consistently with previous engagements.

2. That each member of Presbytery does for himself promise from two to ten dollars, according to his circumstances, annually in aid of the Board of Missions, or the Board of Education, independently of what the people of our charges may do for these purposes."

A true extract from the minutes.

Charles Clinton Beatty,
Stated Clerk.

Cincinnati Presbytery.

A committee appointed to devise a plan of co-operation, with the General Assembly's Board, on the subject of Domestic Missions, reported, that, in their opinion, it would be most for the harmony and edification of the church, and best calculated to aid feeble Societies in the support of stated supplies, or pastors, for said Presbytery to become directly auxiliary to the Assembly's Board and that each congregation within their bounds be considered a Domestic Missionary Association, belonging to said auxiliary under such organization as the several sessions may adopt, making their reports of the amount raised for the Assembly's Board, and the A. H. M. Society at every stated meeting of the Presbytery in the fall. And for the organization of the Presbytery into such an auxiliary Society, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following plan, viz:

I. That the Cincinnati Presbytery be, and it is hereby formed into a domestic missionary society, auxiliary to the Board of missions belonging to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States of America.

II. That the meetings of this Society be held at each stated meeting of Presbytery, and this business be a part of the regular business of the body during their sessions.

III. That the moderator, stated and permanent clerks, and treasurer for the time being, be an executive committee to correspond with the parent Board and transact all necessary business during the recess between the stated meetings, and make report of their doings when the Presbytery shall be in session on the subject of domestic missions.

IV. To guard against the misapplication of funds, each congregation requiring aid in the support or settlement of a pastor shall apply at some stated meeting of Presbytery, and receive from

them a recommendation, and previous to receiving aid, they shall give a detailed statement of their own efforts to maintain the gospel ministry.

The committee also recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:—

Resolved 1st—That this Presbytery highly approve of the plans and operations of the *American Home Missionary Society*.

Resolved 2d—That if any Church or congregation within the bounds of this Presbytery desires to continue or form a connection with the American Home Missionary Society, the executive committee of this Presbytery shall be the medium of communication between said church or congregation and the said society.

Resolved 3d—That the stated Clerk be directed to forward to the Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society these resolutions, and the names of the executive committee semi-annually.

SYNOD OF PITTSBURG.

The following extract is taken from the minutes of the above Synod, which held its sessions in October last, at Pittsburg, Pa.

On motion, Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. E. P. Swift, Elisha M'Curdy, A. O. Patterson, Samuel Tait and Wm. M'Millan, be a committee, to inquire into the expediency of consolidating the Western Missionary Society with the Board of Missions of the General Assembly. And in the event of such a union, to inquire what disposition should be made of the *permanent funds* of this Society—and also to inquire whether any thing further should be done by the Synod, to facilitate the operations of the Board of Missions of the General Assembly.

The above committee reported on Monday, and their report being read by paragraphs was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the inquiry on the subject of Missions beg leave respectfully to report,

That it is and ought to be matter of sincere congratulation on the part of the members of the Presbyterian church generally, that the Board of Missions acting under its sanction, has recently adopted, and are now prosecuting an efficient and extended plan of operation; suited in its extent to the moral necessities, and resources of this great and rising country; and in its individual form and character to the feelings of the members of the Presbyterian church. The committee rejoice that on this plan, many congregations within our bounds have been already organized into auxiliary societies; and that in different and distant parts of our church, the *same* plan has been so far cordially approved, and acted upon as to justify the belief that at no distant period our church will be in fact what she was intended to be, in the conception and design of the venerable framers of her constitution, *one great Missionary Association*, meeting in her efforts and liberality, the spirit of those ages of increasing zeal and widening prosperity through which she was destined to pass, on her way to the full glory of the latter day. Your committee believe, therefore, that every possible encouragement should be afforded to the General Assembly in its design of uniting and concentrating all the missionary resources of our church, and that its call upon the several Synods and Presbyteries of which it is composed, to come up to the help of the Lord, should be distinctly and promptly answered, from one extremity of the continent to the other. Your committee, therefore, recommend for the adoption of Synod the following resolutions, viz.

1. Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to all the congregations within our bounds, which have not been visited, to receive and encourage the agents of the Board, and to become auxiliaries on the fifty-cent plan which has been recommended by the Board, and appended to their monthly publication.

2. Resolved, That it be, and hereby is recommended to the Pastors, Elders and private members of our churches and congregations, to give their patronage and support to the monthly publication of the Board of Missions.

3. Resolved, That the members of this Synod highly approve of the attempt of the Board of Missions to raise $100,000 for missionary purposes by individual subscriptions, of $100 a year for ten years, and that they will use their influence, as they may have opportunity, to obtain such subscriptions in their respective congregations.

And your committee further recommend in reference to the missionary efforts of this society the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.

1. Resolved, That the operations of the Board of Trust of the Western Missionary Society be suspended, during the will of the Synod, with the view of

putting the whole missionary business into the hands of the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, for so long a period as circumstances shall in the view of the Synod justify such an arrangement.

2. Resolved, That with the exception of $500, which was by a vote of Synod made a part of the permanent fund, and which shall be expended at the discretion of the Board of Trust of the Western Missionary Society, the permanent missionary fund shall for the present be retained in the hands of this Society, subject to such arrangements as at present exist, with the understanding, that the interest accruing on the same shall be annually paid over by the Treasurer of the Western Missionary Society to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the General Assembly.

3. Resolved, That it be recommended to the Board of Missions of the General Assembly to appoint a committee of agency within the bounds of this Synod, whose duty it shall be to seek out and recommend both Missionaries, and fields of labour, to the consideration of the Board of Missions; to authorize such missionaries as may be recommended by them to enter in certain cases, upon missionary services, in anticipation of such appointment, before it may have been made, and also to advance payment for missionary services, in cases of special urgency, subject to the ultimate decision of the Board of Missions; and with a view to the attainment of the ends herein proposed, that it be recommended to the said Board to have an Assistant Treasurer resident in this city, whose duty it shall be to receive such donations and contributions as may be paid over to him, and to act in concert with the committee of agency in the disposition of the same.

And if the above resolutions should be adopted by this body, it is recommended to Synod, that the Board of Trust be directed and empowered to proceed in the adjustment of the unfinished missionary business now in progress, and to the settlement of their accounts; and that the Board of Trust be continued until the business of the Western Missionary Society be fully settled; and afterward in so far as such an appointment may be necessary to a compliance with the terms of the charter of the Western Missionary Society, and to the continued preservation of the same.

SYNOD OF OHIO.

We understand from a communication lately received from a member of the above Synod, that during its sessions, last October, it became auxiliary to the Board of Missions under the General Assembly.

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

OHIO.

From Mr. George W. Warner to the Corresponding Secretary, dated Coshocton, October, 1829.

Dear Sir,—In attending to the duties of a missionary I have aimed at constancy and faithfulness in preaching the word. I preach alternately at Coshocton and Mill-creek on the Sabbath; & on every Wednesday evening lecture in Coshocton. This, with occasional preaching in the country, and attention to other duties, is as much as I have hitherto been able to perform consistently with due preparation.

Attendance upon this ordinance of the Gospel is, by no means so general as we could wish. But we can say with some degree of satisfaction on this subject, that the interest, which bids fair to be permanent, is increasing. We can see a gradual forming of a character which is desirable and promising. It would be more cheering to see the wilderness exchanged for a fruitful field with much greater rapidity, but we can hardly expect forests of long standing and deep root to disappear after a few blows of the labourer. It requires time to overcome habits of inattention to the means of grace, so far, as to have the word of God exert its influence upon the mind at all. Men, who have spent their sabbaths in lounging, visiting, or sporting, are, with difficulty, persuaded to relinquish these habits, and listen a sufficient length of time to have a connected train of truth presented before them, and bear upon their minds. And there are many, so little acquainted with serious phraseology, as not to be able duly to appreciate *an occasional* sermon, which they may hear. These facts are common among us and much to be deplored. For the purpose of preventing these evils *in future*, and promoting the cause of piety and truth, *now, youth and children are instructed in Bible Classes and Sabbath Schools.*

I have a Bible Class in each Congregation. The number belonging to the one in C. is from twenty-five to thirty. I have usually attended this Class once a week. And there are generally some present, who are not members of the Class.—Their number is sometimes the

largest. I believe this institution will do much good here. It has already invaded the ranks of pleasure. And the conviction now is, that there is great inconsistency in attending the recitations of Scripture one evening and a ball the next. And as a consequence of this conviction the latter is *begging* attendants.

In the Mill-creek congregation, at Keene, the Bible Class contains from twenty to twenty-five members. I meet this class once in two weeks—on Sabbath morning before public exercises commence here, I have often, a large proportion of the Congregation to hear the instructions of the youth; And I have been told that many are as anxious to attend Bible Classes as preaching.

The Sabbath School in Coshocton contains 80 scholars. The average number of attendants is about 60. The greatest difficulty under which this school labors is, the want of pious and devoted Teachers. O may the Lord in mercy instruct and qualify them for their great and responsible work.

The other Sabbath School contains 60 scholars. They are generally punctual; and the school may be considered as very flourishing. Each, of these schools, has a small library, which adds very much to their usefulness and interest.

The Monthly Concert is observed in both congregations. By having the meeting at one place in the afternoon and at the other at night, I am enabled to attend each meeting on the same day, I believe this plan is much better than to have the meeting alternately in each place. The concert is for the most part well attended. The time is principally occupied in reading the most recent religious intelligence suited to the object of the meeting. A knowledge of what the Lord is now doing, in the world, is absolutely necessary to awaken a spirit of benevolent action. There are strong prejudices, in the minds of many, against the present operations of the Church. These prejudices are the offspring of ignorance principally; but they have been fostered, in some cases by the hand of a *Reformer*, which is circulated among us. The influence of this pamphlet is not very extensive, and the author, I believe, will not like to see its readers at the bar of God, unless they are reformed by better hands than his. To do away existing prejudices, and to enlighten the minds of the people, and awaken feelings in some measure corresponding with the holy enterprise of this age, I have endeavoured to make the Monthly Concert a means of imparting as much important information as possible. And I consider this subject of greater importance here, than in churches, where more religious publications are taken. Very few papers or pamphlets have hitherto found their way into *this section* of the country. They are now becoming more numerous and their influence is very salutary. On the second Sabbath of June last, the Rev. James Culbertson was with us and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. As there was no house sufficiently large to accommodate the assembly, on this occasion, seats were prepared in the woods. The day was pleasant—the audience large and solemn, and, we hope, the season was profitable to many souls. Eight persons were added to this little church at that time—four on profession of their faith and four on certificate.

From Mr. John D. Hughes, to the Corresponding Secretary, dated, Springfield, Portage county, August 15, 1829.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—By referring to my last month's Report, it will appear that your missionary was then at Wooster. Leaving Wooster at that date, I went to the congregation of Apple Creek, eight miles southeast of Wooster. Here I spent one week. The congregation is respectable, has built a good meeting-house, but is now destitute of a pastor, or any stated supplies, yet desirous to have the regular ordinances of the gospel.

From Apple Creek I proceeded to Millersburgh, the Seat of Justice for Holmes county. The feeble Presbyterian Society here in connexion with that of East Hopewell, 8 miles west, has for some time past enjoyed the labours of Rev. Mr. Urmston, with aid from the American Home Missionary Society. But he has been gone from them for several months, thus leaving them entirely destitute. And when I was there, they were without any definite prospect of ministerial labour. In these places, your Missionary spent one week. The settlement has been made chiefly within five or six years, is improving, embraces great variety of religious opinions, and presents a field which much needs cultivation by a faithful preacher of the gospel. Until the people become relieved from the embarrassment common to new settle-

ments, some aid in supporting the gospel among them may be requisite.

Respecting Springfield, and the adjacent country, his present field of labour, the Missionary says—

There is a neat meeting house not long since completed—the church consists of seventy members, and the assembly on Sabbath of about three hundred. At present there is little said about the difficulties which had a threatening appearance—there is a good attention to public exercises, but it is feared, little of the spirit of prayer, or of the power of godliness is among us.

One Sabbath school has lately been organized, so that there are now four in operation, embracing in all about one hundred and fifty children. On the Sabbath I preach two discourses, and attend one of the schools: on each week deliver a lecture designed particularly for the teachers, and have another meeting in some part of the congregation.

Sabbath schools are attended to with greater or less degree of interest in the several places through which I have passed during this month. The system of selected lessons is in use, and each school possesses a small library.

Some effort is making in the Temperance reformation in a number of places in this region, and the success in each of them has perhaps surpassed our expectation. There is yet, however, a great deficiency of the publications on that subject. But a greater difficulty is found in the indifference or opposition of many professors of religion. Yet in view of the various obstacles, there is a great diminution in the quantity of spirits used--a number have made the important discovery that they can gather in the fruits of the earth, erect their buildings, &c. without the aid of ardent spirits: and it is believed that much greater advance in this cause will yet be made.

Since commencing this tour, I have seen little opportunity of advancing the interests of the Board, in accordance with the "plan proposed." From the infant state of many congregations in the West, the scarcity of money in circulation, the fact that a large majority of the families are poor, and many yet in debt for their land, &c. large contributions from this region need not be expected. Many persons are pleased to hear of what is doing, who can do very little themselves.

I think, however, there is reason to believe that some who have gone forth as Missionaries have failed to do as much as might have been effected in procuring funds. By a little attention, a contribution may be obtained even in societies which are very feeble. The sum though small will still be of service; and the habit of giving may be of benefit to the people and facilitate the efforts of succeeding missionaries.

Again there are others who by their undue importunity have either created or increased a prejudice against giving for missionary purposes.

During the month now closed, I have received for the purposes of the Board from the congregation of Apple Creek, three dollars. I have travelled about 150 miles, have made thirty visits in families, preached sixteen discourses, formed one Sabbath School, and distributed six hundred pages of religious Tracts.

Report of the Rev. M. Wolf, dated Blooming Grove, September 8, 1829; addressed to the Corresponding Secretary.

I now will give you a short account of what I have been doing—of what the Lord has done, and is doing for us. On the fourth of July I arrived in the bounds of the Blooming Grove congregation. On the next day, which was the Sabbath, I preached at the church. I have since that time preached regularly the one half of my time in this church. The attention and attendance given by the people in general, to the word preached, has been truly encouraging. Yesterday the sacrament of the Supper was administered. The assemblage was large. Their attention and conduct is such as would gladden the heart of the child of God. This day a goodly number came up to offer their thank-offerings of praise to the Triune Jehovah, we received three additional members upon examination, one of these was baptized on Thursday, another on Saturday. The Lord by these tokens of his gracious presence with us is strengthening our hands and encouraging our hearts. The other half of my time is equally divided between the Bethel and Sharon congregations.

These two merely exist as congregations. They are making arrangements and do expect, before many weeks, to have the Bethel congregation organized as a church. In both of these congregations a goodly number of people attend, are very orderly and attentive. In Sharon I have for some time preached the Saturday evening before the

the Sabbath given to them, and have connected with this only a Bible Class. It is small, and how it will succeed I cannot say.

We have a Sabbath School well attended in Blooming Grove. The want of teachers, more than any thing else, has prevented the establishing of schools in Bethel and Sharon. I have visited a goodly number of families. The Sabbath is, I think, generally more observed than formerly. The cause of Temperance is advancing a little. We have a Society formed at Paris. It meets with much opposition but its friends are so far firm and decided.

From the Rev. Henry Van Deman to the Corresponding Secretary dated Delaware Oct. 1st, 1829.

Rev. and Dear Sir.—According to the appointment and Commission of the last Board of Missions of which you are the Cor. Sec. I have laboured for the past month, and during this time I have preached 14 sermons—received 7 communicants on examination—Administered the Lord's Supper once—baptized 7 Infants, Visited the sick, Sabbath Schools, & Families in many instances, conducted my Bible Classes as usual, attended prayer meetings, twice a week, the Monthly Concert, and delivered many addresses and exhortations.

The work of the Lord seems to be progressing in a similar manner to that noticed in my previous communications to your Board. Pray Dear Brethren for your Missionaries that God through your and their means as his instruments may advance his glory in the salvation of perishing souls.

From Rev. J. L. Belville, dated Miamisburg, October 5th, 1829, to the Corresponding Secretary.

Dear Brother,—It rejoices my heart to see the Presbyterian Church at length waking up from her slumbers, and realizing her responsibility as the guardian of truth, and putting forth her exertions in her individual capacity. Vigorous efforts are manifesly made to sap the very vitals of our branch of the church of Christ, and certainly calls loudly upon the friends of the Presbyterian cause to maintain their rights, by acting in her individual character, in promoting the missionary spirit among her sons, and causing their benevolence to flow through their native channel into the Lord's treasury. May the Lord prosper your exertions, and crown them with abundant success.—Presbyterianism has been attended with great success in this region of country within the last two years, notwithstanding the formidable opposition it has to struggle with. When I first came into the bounds of the Miami Presbytery, a little more than two years ago, there were but eight ministers: there are now sixteen, and there yet remains much land to be possessed: still, as a people, we are a heterogenious mass; but, all things considered, we can scarcely realize the change. Let God have all the glory.

From the Rev. E. Washburn to the Corresponding Secretary, dated Worthington, September 23, 1829.

I have forwarded a report every month, but lest some of them should have miscarried I will here give a summary of the whole time. During six months I have travelled 1651 miles; preached 127 sermons; attended 41 prayer-meetings; visited 180 families; attended 11 communions, at which 101 were added on examination; baptized 24 adults, and 48 children.

My success in collecting has been less than I had hoped. I have received from Marion County, 12 dollars and 6 cents; from Blenden, Franklin county, 25 dollars. This is all that I have received in cash or otherwise.

The region where I have been preaching is now wholly occupied; that is, Mr. Allen, one of your missionaries, is employed in Madison and Union counties; and Marion county and the destitute congregations in Delaware and Franklin counties are occupied by the A. H. M. S.

ILLINOIS.

From the Rev. Benjamin Spillman to the Corresponding Secretary, dated September 30, 1829, at Shawneetown.

Dear Sir,—Being in a state of uncertainty whether I should be longer your missionary, I have postponed reporting until two months have passed. And as I am informed by your interesting communication of the 11th August, that my commission has been extended, I now report, that during the two months past I have travelled 480 miles; made 32 visits, preached 47 sermons, and delivered several exhortations; visited the Sabbath School in Shawneetown twice; baptised 1 adult and 6 infants; administered the Lord's Supper twice; ordained one elder and installed another; and received into communion 7 persons. I have neglected the Carmi church for

the sake of attending more to that of Golconda. (1) Because of an unusual attention to preaching, &c., at Golconda, and (2) because there were active exertions making (thus far with but little success) to spread the Unitarian sentiments there. Our four-day's meeting there, including the second Sabbath of this month, was interesting, and we think will long be remembered. On Sabbath, in particular, the congregation was large, attentive, and solemn; and three sat down at the Lord's table for the first time. During a part of the meeting I was assisted by brother William Hamilton, from Kentucky.

Sharon church also enjoyed an interesting season of this kind, including the first Sabbath of August. Three were added there, and we trust some good impressions were made. At this four-day's meeting I was without any assistance from any one but the Head of the Church. One more has lately been added to Shawneetown church, and a few appear to be inquiring auxiously after the right way. Equality still exhibits encouraging prospects.

Our hearts were cheered with the information that you have appointed a missionary to Carmi and Sharon churches. We trust that it is through the smiles of the Head of the Church. Our prayer is, that he may come "in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of peace." Those churches are anxiously waiting his arrival.

MISSOURI.

From the Rev. David R. Preston, to the Corresponding Secretary, dated St. Louis, Sept. 28th, 1829.

Reverend and Dear Sir,

I have continued to labour in St. Charles and vicinity, as formerly. While there is no special indications of the divine presence and blessing, yet I hope my labour is not in vain in the Lord. It is true, there has been no addition to the little church, but there are some of whom the friends of Christ are led both to hope and to fear great things. There are a few, (oh! that I could say many,) who inquire what they must do to be saved. My audiences have continued to increase regularly, both in numbers and attention—particularly down on the Point. I still meet each of the Bible classes once a week—The one on the Point is still becoming more interesting, and fully answers the most sanguine expectations, I had entertained respecting it. Sir, in my vicinity there are many obstacles to the spread of the Gospel. Infidelity, and error, in all its shades and colours, abound. Their papers are circulated in great numbers in this country—The Reformer, Gospel Advocate, Miss Wright's Paper, Liberal Tracts, &c. inundate the land, and poison the moral principles of both old and young. And then comes the Popish influence, more formidable than all the rest.—Indeed, Sir, without more labourers, we cannot possess this exceeding good land. We may secure a few garden spots, but then, what are they compared to the fields which are either uncultivated, or sown in tares by the enemy, while the young men in the ministry are asleep. Indeed, I fear our church has never yet felt the responsibility which rests upon her—and particularly on the sons of the Prophets.

The hopes I expressed in my last, respecting the supplying of every destitute family in St. Charles' county, with the Bible, have not been realized. The principal difficulty has been to get an agent, who would make a sufficient sacrifice of time and labour, to visit all the families—we have the requisite Bibles ready—if I had not made arrangements which required me to be absent from the county, I should have volunteered my own services. As it was, I thought it best to make no attempt till there was a prospect of effecting it certainly.

During the present month I have preached ten times—had my pulpit supplied once by a brother, and have been once prevented by the rain—Made 26 visits, and travelled 128 miles.

NORTH CAROLINA.

From Rev. William Quillin to the Corresponding Secretaty, dated Morganton, September 3d, 1829.

Reverend and Dear Sir,

From Rutherford, where I wrote my third report, I came directly to Burke, where I preached the next Sabbath. The first part of this week, I spent principally in visiting in a skirt of the congregation, and preached once. On Friday, (August 14th,) our four-day's meeting commenced, on Silver creek, six miles from Morganton. This meeting, though precious to many souls, was not so interesting as one we held, at the same place, last fall. And one of the principal causes, no doubt, is the discovery of numerous gold mines in the county, within a few months past. Immediately on the discovery of these mines, the most of the citizens seemed

to be seized with what is here denominated "the gold fever;" and which, in some respects, appears to paralyze all our efforts to do good. But the Presbyterian cause is, notwithstanding, still gaining ground. Three were added, at this meeting, and every communion adds some to the church of Christ. The church is becoming more firmly settled; the tone of piety more elevated, while there is a growing desire in general, to hear Presbyterian preaching.

The Rev. John Silliman is the only located Presbyterian clergyman in the county; but Mr. Josiah Kilpatrick is now labouring as a missionary in two small congregations in the western part of the county, where they have, in each, a promising Sabbath School.

Wednesday, August 19th, the Rutherford County Bible Society held its anniversary meeting, at Rutherfordton. Brothers Silliman, Kilpatrick, and myself, from Burke, attended, as corresponding members. Among other resolutions, the society resolved, in reliance on divine aid, to supply every destitute family in the county with a Bible in two years. And voluntary agents immediately assumed the responsibility of supplying about one half the county. We hope this example will soon be followed by other counties. From Rutherfordton I went to Lincolnton; and from what I learned from brother Sparrow and the people, our hopes, with regard to the success of our late labours there, were not visionary. Then I went to Sherill's meeting-house, 20 miles from Lincolnton. Here are a few Presbyterians belonging to Concord congregation, in Iredell county, not only 10 miles from their church, (Concord) but separated by the Catawba, a considerable river, which forms the line between Lincoln and Iredell counties. To this destitute people I preached three times on the Sabbath;and once, sometimes twice, every day, except one, through the following week; and the Sabbath following, assisted by the Rev. H. N. Pharr, I held a sacramental meeting in the same place, which was truly interesting. Although they have had no Presbyterian preaching for more than a year, (for Concord is now vacant) except an occasional sermon, there was not only much solemnity, but deep and pungent feeling. Nothing, however, that can be said, I presume, would give you a more correct idea of the state of the feeling than merely to mention the fact, that immediately after dismission, on the Sabbath, three men, two of whom were blossoming for the grave, came to me suffused in tears, and affectionately shaking my hand, said, "O! if we could only have such preaching." (Viz. Presbyterian preaching.) And such were the prospects, and such the solicitations—that I promised to visit them again in two weeks, having to leave them now to attend to other engagements. From this place I came to Morgantown, where I am now, resting a little from my fatigue. During this month, I have travelled 255 miles; delivered 22 discourses, besides exhortations; attended the anniversary meeting of one Bible Society, and visited 36 families. And yet, when I look abroad and see what is to be done—what difficulties to be overcome; and when I hear, as I often do, from different neighbourhoods and counties, to go no farther, repeated solicitations for assistance, I feel that I am an unfaithful servant, and can only pray the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers—even such as he himself may choose, into his vineyard.

NEW YORK.

Extract of a report from a Missionary of the Board within the bounds of the Presbytery of Rochester, N. Y.

RUSH.

The writer, after stating some particulars relative to his labours during a short stay in the town referred to, says—

Rush is an old settlement, contains more than 2000 inhabitants, generally in good circumstances. The Presbyterian church has been formed about twelve years, and has consisted of from nine to fifteen members—has had the whole service of three Missionaries of the Domestic and H M. Society for nearly a year each, the last of which closed his labors about 18 months ago, since which time the Church has been vacant. After all the labour bestowed upon this field it is as unpromising as at first. No denomination seems to have met with success in building up their churches—even a Universalist preacher discontinued his labours here for want of encouragement.

A Church Edifice erected in Gates.

A further extract from the report of the same Missionary.

On the last Sabbath of August I commenced my missionary service in the town of Gates, four miles west of Rochester, on the Buffalo road. The settlement at this place (one of the most recent in Monroe county) was commenced about five years ago, and has advanced gradually until the present

time. A Missionary, under the direction of the Missionary Committee of Rochester Presbytery, laboured here last Autumn for six weeks, during which time a society was organized according to law, and a subscription of about 150 dollars raised for building a small house for public worship. Further measures relative to the erection of the building were postponed till May, at which time it was expected that the same person would return. Some circumstances however occurred which prevented and discouraged the people from doing any thing in the way of consummating their plan.

As soon as practicable after the commencement of my labors, I endeavoured to revive the project of building a church edifice, and in this I am happy to say I have been successful. Such were the circumstances of the Trustees that almost the whole labor of soliciting further subscriptions, procuring workmen, purchasing materials, &c. &c. has devolved upon me. This business has necessarily taken up much of my time, and kept me from labours which would have been more appropriately missionary. The frame of this little building, thirty-one feet square and fourteen feet high, was raised on Monday, the 5th of October, and on Lord's day, the 18th of October, we occupied it for public worship—at this time it was nearly inclosed, and wholly glazed, having a floor of loose boards.

The erection of this edifice has been a matter of absolute necessity, as well as expediency, for on the first Sabbath of my preaching we held our meeting in a poor log school-house about sixteen feet square, and for better accommodations on the second and third Sabbaths we were indebted to the kindness of the inn-keeper in the neighbourhood who gave us the use of his long room. On the fourth Sabbath we had the pleasure of meeting in a house expressly designed for the worship of God, and which we trust will prove to many souls none other than the house of God and the gate of heaven. This house of worship is now (October 31) completely inclosed and painted. The inside work is going on, and when divided into slips and finished, will be a neat and convenient building for the accommonation of from 30 to 40 families. The expense of this edifice when finished in a plain style will be about 350 dollars, nearly 100 of which has been contributed by a few members of the Presbyterian congregations in Rochester.

The prospect of forming a church immediately is not so encouraging. There does not seem to be among the male professors at this time suitable persons for officers. Within the territory embraced by this new congregation there are about twenty professors of religion, all females except three. The most of these belong to the churches in Rochester. The erection of the building and the stated dispensation of the word, for a portion of the time at least, is a matter of great importance to this infant congregation. Of this the neighbouring congregations appear to be sensible, and I have no doubt will lend some assistance for supporting the preaching of the gospel as well as in erecting this house of prayer.

North Chili.

On the evening of the second Sabbath of September I preached to a congregation of about ninety persons in North Chili, six miles west of Gates. The Presbyterian professors of religion in this place and vicinity lately petitioned to be formed into a church, but its organization has been deferred for the present. This place and Gates might united, employ a minister.

Clarendon.

On the third Sabbath of September I preached to the destitute church in Clarendon a sermon in the afternoon, the forenoon being rainy. At 5 o'clock P. M. (same day) I preached within the bounds of the destitute congregation of Sweden. On the last Sabbath of October I again preached to the church in Clarendon, and the day previous visited several families.

This church consists at present of four male and five female members, and has lost by deaths and removals four or five members within a year. It has never seen prosperous days. There are a few professors living in the town who have not yet united with the church. The majority of the people in town as I learn are Universalists and Chrystians. The little time I spent here was scarcely more than sufficient to ascertain the circumstances of the church. This congregation has been greatly neglected and now needs ministerial labour more than any other of our destitute churches.

Greece.

On the first Sabbath of October I preached in Greece, three miles north of Rochester. A Presbyterian congregation was organized in this town nearly two years ago, and a minister employed for a year. Before the year was expired, a Chrystian preacher came along

—began preaching, and drew away a part of the Presbyterian congregation. The Presbyterians have thought it best not to make any effort to procure preaching till the excitement should subside, consequently they have been destitute for nearly a year. They however hope to revive their society. There has been no church formed in the place of our denomination.

As your missionary I have travelled 340 miles, not reckoning the distances travelled in each place in going from house to house, and from neighbourhood to neighbourhood. I have spent one day in attending to the organization of a county temperance society—two days on Sunday School anniversaries—and two days upon a special meeting of Rochester Presbytery. I have preached 20 times and attended one church meeting. I have visited about 20 families, and distributed tracts to as many more.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND, PA.

A member of the above Presbytery remarks in a letter addressed to the Board of Missions, "that at their last meeting they declared themselves unanimously in favour of your Board, and are determined to form associations auxiliary to it."

The Executive Committee of the Board of Missions have appointed Samuel Thompson Esq. of Pittsburg, Pa. their Treasurer for the Synod of Pittsburg.

Moses Allen, Esq. appointed agent to receive monies, &c. for the Board in the city of New York.

James Agnew, Esq. agent in Chambersburg, Pa. to receive subscriptions and payments for the Missionary Reporter and Education Register.

Dr. Agnew agent in Harrisburg, Pa. for the same.

Mr. Daniel P. Stratton agent in Bridgeton, N. J. for the same.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. James D. Pickands, 1 year to Watertown Presbytery, N. Y.

Rev. Alvin H. Parker, 1 month in Hamilton Village, Pa. and Camden, N. J.

Mr. John T. Ewing, 1 year to Georgia.

Rev. Thomas Caldwell, 1 year to Hopkinsville, Ky.

Mr. Anderson B. Quay, 3 months in Huntingdon Presbytery, Pa.

Rev. Jehiel Talmage, 6 months to Georgia.

Mr. James R. Talmage, 6 months to Georgia.

Rev. Jacob Cozad, 1 year to Tuscarawas county, Ohio.

Rev. Joseph Anderson, 1 year to Mississippi or Louisiana.

Mr. W. M. Carmichael, 1 year to Pottsville, Pa.

Mr. George W. Kennedy, to Charlotte, North Carolina.

Rev. Dr. McKeehan, to Huntington and Bedford counties, Pa. for 6 months.

Mr. Michael Carpenter, to Christiana, Del. for 6 months.

Re-appointments.

Rev. Peter Monfort, 1 year to Eaton, Preble county, Ohio.

Rev. James G. Force, 6 months to Millville, Buckshootem, Port Elizabeth, N. J.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

S. Gazelay, Pa.; George G. Sill, N. Y.; Samuel Montgomery, Pa.; Samuel R. Talmage, N. Y.; Thomas Archibald, Mississippi; Lewis M'Leod, Ohio; William Page, Michigan Ter.; John Gloucester, Pa.; Dr. Wilson, Ohio, Isaac Reed, Indiana; Michael Dickson, S. Carolina; James M. Brown, Va.; S. W. Leonard, N. Y.; William Bacon, Pa.; James Nourse, Pa.; R. H. Morrison, N. C.; B. E. Collins, Pa.; William Plummer, Va.; Adams W. Platt, N. Y.; Nathaniel Foster, Esq. N. J.; John Kennedy, Md.; James H. Rice, Ky.; Andrew B. Quay, Pa.; Trustees of Pres. Church, Del.; W. C. Anderson, Pa.; E. Washburn, Ohio; Henry Van Deman, Ohio; Benjamin F. Spillman, Illinois; George W. Warner, Ohio; David R. Preston, St. Louis; Charles C. Beatty, Ohio; W. J. Frazer, Ohio; James G. Force, N. J.; Robert G. Lynn, Ohio; Thomas Barr, Ohio, 2; James Lenox, Esq. N. Y.; Joseph Labaree, N.C.; J. M'Intyre, N. C.; M. Patterson, Pa.; A. Alexander, Princeton, N. J.; George Stebbins, N. Y.; E. P. Swift, Pa.; John Pomroy, Pa.; John M'Cready, Pa.; John D. Hughes, Pa.; Mr. James Lynn, Pa.; Solomon King, Pa.; Mr. Geddes, Pa.; James Boyd, N. Y.

Account of Cash received by the Board of Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, during the month of October, 1829.

Port Byron, N. Y. Donation from Rev. Wm. Williams	$1 50
Shaver's Creek, Huntingdon Co. Pa. Ann. sub. per Rev. Mr. Thompson	15 00
Hartmik, N. Y. Donation from Rev. J. H. Prentice	50
Centre Church, Robinson County, N. C. Donation from the Female Benevolent Society, per Eliza Jane M'Nair, Cor. Sec.	8 00

Philadelphia. Monthly coll. in Sixth Presbyterian church - - -					6 43
Pittsburg, Pa. Coll. in First Presb. Ch. per Rev. Mr. Campfield, Ass. Sec. - - - - - - - - -				$169 59	
Do.	Do.	Second Presb. Ch.	do.	110 50	
Greersburg, Pa.	Do.	Presb. Ch.	do.	27 00	
Slippery Rock, Pa.	Do.	do.	do.	22 50	
Beaver, Pa.	Do.	do.	do.	13 25	
Chartiers, Pa.	Do.	do.	do.	2 25	
Do.	Additional	do.	Rev. W. C. Anderson	106 31	
Washington, Pa.	Do.	do.	Rev. Mr Campfield, Ass. Sec.	44 00	
Do.	Additional	do.	Rev. W. C. Anderson	5 00	
Wheeling, Va.	Do.	1st do.	Rev. Mr. Campfield, Ass. Sec.	9 50	
Cross Roads, Pa.	Do.	do.	do.	28 00	
Cross Creek, Pa.	Do.	do.	do.	35 00	
Buffalo, Pa.	Do.	do.	do.	11 50	
Do.	Additional	do.	Rev. W. C. Anderson	46 63	
Mercer, Pa.	Do.	do.	Rev. Mr. Campfield, Ass. Sec.	25 25	
Erie, Pa.	Do.	do.	do.	15 11	
Do.	Monthly conc.	do.	M. Seldon	12 39	
North East, Pa.	Do.	do.	Rev. Mr. Campfield, Ass. Sec.	2 50	
Meadville, Pa.	Do.	do.	do.	42 81	
Do.	Monthly conc.	do.	Mr. Bushnel	22 00	
Butler, Pa.	Do.	do.	Rev. Mr. Campfield, Ass. Sec.	11 50	
Mount Prospect, Pa.	Do.	do.	Rev. W. C. Anderson	20 50	
Lower Bethel, Va.	Do.	do.	do.	22 67	
Claysville, Pa.	Do.	do.	do.	6 00	
Pigeon Creek, Pa.	Do.	do.	do.	7 00	
Canonsburhg, Pa. Donation from the Students of Jefferson College, per Rev. Mr. Campfield, Ass. Sec. . - - - - - - -				26 00	
Washington, Pa. Donation of Miss Jane Orr, in behalf of the Female Praying Society of the Presbyterian Church, per do. - -				6 00	
Do. Donation from Rev. Andrew Wylie, D. D., President of the Indiana State College, per do. - - - - - -				5 50	
					856 26
New York, N. Y. From an individual with the initials A. E., for the purpose of purchasing Tracts to be distributed by a missionary of the Assembly's Board in Florida, per Rev. Dr. Green - - - - - - -					5 00
Jamaica, N. Y. Donation from Eliphalet Wickes, Esq. per Rev. Dr. Ely					50 00
Bridgeton, N. J. Additional ann. subs. of Presb. Ch. per do. - - -					6 47
Newburyport, Mass. Donation from Rev. Daniel Dana, D. D. - - -					1 00
Northumberland, Pa. Ann. coll. in Presb. Ch. per Rev. W. R. Smith				$20 00	
Monthly concert - - - -				10 00	
Annual subscriptions - - -				11 25	
Sunbury, Pa. Annual subscriptions - - - - - -				8 75	
Donation from Mrs. Hannah Gray - - -				5 00	
					55 00
Germantown, Pa. Missionary Box kept at the Manual Labour Academy, by Rev. Mr. Monteith - - - - - - - -					1 00
Philadelphia, Pa. Received of E. S. Ely, D. D. balance of account					1 00
Pittsburgh, Pa. Add'l coll. in 2d Presb. Ch. per Rev. E. P. Swift				$24 45	
Ann sub. of Mr. Samuel Thompson of do –				20 00	
					45 45
South Salem, Westchester Co. N. Y. Donation from Mrs. Molly Northrop, per Rev. Stephen Sanders - - - - - -					10 00
Utica, N. Y. Collection in Presbyterian Church, per Rev. J. Burchard -					1 75
New Lisbon, Columbia Co. Ohio. Collection, per Rev. J. Barr -				$24 63	
Pleasant Valley,	Do.	Do.	do. -	5 00	
Yellow Creek,	Do.	Do.	do. -	7 00	
Youngstown, Trumbull Co. Ohio		Do.	do. -	1 25	
Poland,	Do.	Do.	do. -	3 00	
Hopewell Congregation, Mercer Co. Pa.			- do. -	8 75	
					49 63
Missionary Reporter. Amount from sundry Subscribers - - - -					53 33
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THE EDUCATION REGISTER.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Under the care of the General Assembly.

On the 1st of October last the Rev. William Neill, D. D. late President of Dickinson College, entered on the duties of General Agent and Corresponding Secretary of this Board. To him, under Providence, the Board now look for the increase of their funds, and general means of usefulness. Will not the friends of a learned and pious ministry in the Presbyterian Church, pray that his efforts to render the Board efficient, and the moral parent of many heralds of the gospel, may be crowned with abundant success?

It gives us pleasure to record the following—

Resolution of the Synod of Albany, adopted at Schenectady, Oct. 3d, 1829.

"The Rev. Dr. Neill, Corresponding Secretary and General Agent of the Board of Education of the General Assembly, appeared in Synod, and having, by leave granted, made a statement respecting the objects of that Board, it was unanimously resolved, That Synod highly approve of the objects of the Board of Education of the General Assembly, and recommend the same to the favourable consideration of the Presbyteries and Churches under their care.

True extract from the minutes.

JAMES V. HENRY, Stated Clerk."

The following payments of subscriptions and donations to the Board have been lately received, and not before published, viz: From

George Ralston, Esq. a subscription of one hundred dollars, to be continued annually during pleasure.

A Widow in the Hopewell Congregation, under the pastoral care of Rev. Dr. Cathcart, a donation of ten dollars.

Mrs. Margaret Carswell, a donation of twenty dollars.

Rev. N. R. Morgan, change due on a small purchase made in Philadelphia, one dollar and twenty-five cents.

Rev. J. Smith, of Rockland Church, Del. five dollars, paid to a student at the seminary.

Rev. E. S. Ely, D. D. of Philadelphia, fifty dollars.

Several subscribers in Philadelphia, sixteen dollars.

Captain Wotten's annual subscription, five dollars.

Subscriptions in the Second Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, fifty-two dollars.

The price of an old watch, bequeathed by a poor, aged minister of Christ, four dollars and fourteen cents.

The Church in Millville, N. J. by the Rev. Mr. Hoff, nine dollars.

The monthly concert in Bridgeton, N. J. by the Rev. Mr. Hoff, twenty-nine dollars and thirty-five cents.

Extract from letters of Dr. Alexander to Dr. Ely.

I am still anxious about the Board of Education. Of what avail will it be to raise large funds for missionary operations, when men for the service cannot be had? The means of bringing forward young men for the work of the ministry, manifestly lies at the foundation of all our operations. All you want is a popular, energetic, respectable agent, who will go from congregation to congregation, and induce every one of them to engage in this necessary work, upon a large or small scale, according to their ability and liberality.

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Thus, my dear sir, I have made out for you a list of twenty names. It is possible that one or two of the number may be provided for in some other way; and in that case we will substitute other names; or, if there are others known to you that would be preferred, we can make no objections to the exchange; but it should be remembered that we are pledged for all the above except those named by yourself.

One or two things I wish to remark.

1. It is generally expedient not to publish the names of beneficiaries. With us no fellow student knows, commonly, who are beneficiaries.

2. Our plan is to pay the allowance of $100 in three nearly equal payments: the first soon after the commencement of the year: the second soon after the recess in February: the third after the commencement of the summer session. They are obliged to have their money in advance, for in the *Club*, to which most of this class belong, the payment for the term of three months must be in advance; so that the Board must deposit here about $670 in November.

BENEFICIARIES.

The opinion expressed by Dr. Alexander, that it is not in general expedient to publish the names of beneficiaries is one upon which the Board have ever

acted. Not an instance has occurred in which the names of persons aided by it have been made public.

The number at present assisted by the Board directly is *twenty-eight*.

APPLICATIONS.

Applications have been made to the Board to aid TEN young men, besides those already under its care. The recommendations presented in their behalf are ample, but the Board are without means secured, sufficient for meeting their present engagements.

Of one of these applicants a worthy clergyman writes, "he is a graduate of college, of the first order of talents, and a good scholar. He is a student of theology, who has been teaching school during the last year for his support; and who will probably be licensed to preach the gospel in April next, if he can obtain a little pecuniary aid: but if not, he will be one year later at least in entering that vineyard which now suffers for want of cultivators. If you can do any thing for Mr. ———, I know you will. He expects to refund the money to the Board in two or three years."

Another applicant has been seven years in a course of scientific and theological education in one of the universities of Scotland; but in the Church of Scotland he had poor prospects of a presentation to any congregation, from the small number of vacancies which occur and from the want of powerful patronage in his favour, and therefore came to this country without having been licensed to preach. Probably in the course of six months he might be examined by one of our Presbyteries, and inducted into the ministery without subjecting that Presbytery to the charge of precipitancy; but in the mean time he would, if he could, pursue his theological studies at one of our American seminaries. Means, however, are wanting; and at this time he daily denies himself his dinner, that he may, if possible, by teaching a small school, live without charge to the benevolence of individuals.

Another young man, whom it would be desirable to assist, has graduated at one of our American colleges, and excels in his knowledge and love of ancient and modern languages. For his expenses while in college he is still in debt to the amount of about $600; which his father, a clergyman, (by having become nearly fifteen years ago a surety for a friend, in which suretyship he thought he incurred no serious liability,) has been unexpectedly rendered unable to pay. Some means must be provided for the gradual liquidation of this debt before the young man can devote himself exclusively to theology.

Alas! we can help none of these young men of piety and promise, until the means are furnished us by the liberality of Christian friends. We earnestly solicit such donations and subscriptions as the love of Christ may induce any to make.

A Letter addressed to Dr. Ely, dated Sept. 15th, 1829.

Reverend Sir,—I know not to whom I can with more propriety or more confidence, apply for advice and direction than to you, who, through the mercy of God first directed my wandering feet into the paths of wisdom and peace.

For many years I have had an increasing desire to obtain a classical education. Hitherto I have not been permitted to accomplish that desire.—Pecuniary considerations deterred me from prosecuting my design near eight years ago; and now I see but one way that presents any hope of successful experiment. That is the Manual Labour School, of which, as I have understood, you are a Trustee. I beg to know whether I would be considered a proper candidate for that institution, and if so, whether you would advise me to enter it.

I am now thirty-six years of age. My literary acquirements are very limited. My capacity, I fear, is rather below the ordinary grade, and my constitution not very healthful. And I would add, my finances very low.

You will inquire what my ultimate object is. I believe it is the duty of all to do the most good they can: and I am verily persuaded that he who most faithfully and most successfully preaches the Gospel, not only glorifies God most, but confers on mankind the most desirable, the most exalted, and the most unperishing blessings. This then is indeed the wish of my heart; but if I might not aspire to the good work of preaching, methinks I would willingly spend some years of my life in obtaining qualifications sufficient to combine erudition and religion in opposing error and disseminating *the truth*; exposing the deformity of vice, and displaying the native loveliness, and excellency of virtue. If I was but well qualified to write a good *Calvinistic* Tract, my otherwise useless and idle life might perhaps be well employed.

I will tell you why I fear my time is not well spent. My vocation is tailor-

ing. My health will not bear the particular posture and sedentary habits of that business: and though I have attempted other pursuits, the providence of God has never afforded a permanent engagement. Thus I am often unemployed; sauntering from place to place; and too often, alas! straying like a silly sheep from the Shepherd and Bishop of souls; while but for some feeble efforts in a Sabbath School the world would do very well without me. There is nothing on which I can, or on which I desire, to place reliance for the final accomplishment of my wishes but the grace of God, who can manifest his strength in weakness; and his wonderful providence in bringing forth the Manual Labour School, has encouraged me at this time to make perhaps the last effort to comply with what I have thought to be the power of his Spirit, urging me to a dedication of myself to his service.

I am aware of the many trials that must attend a person of my age, in attending the duties of a school boy; especially as I labour under extreme diffidence; but I trust through grace I shall be enabled cheerfully and patiently to submit to every requisition.

When I contemplate the high and holy calling at which I aim, my deep responsibility, and the motives that should influence me, my emotions are only equalled by those I feel when the thought presents itself, that I had better give up all idea of the matter and engage in other pursuits. This I shall do if you should think it most advisable. May he who is the fountain of wisdom direct you in all things to that which shall advance his glory and promote the best interest of his people.

It will give me great satisfaction to have a few lines from you as soon as convenient. If you judge it necessary, please to inform me with respect to the requisites of admission. How are books, clothing, &c. procured? How are contingent expenses defrayed?

Accept my best wishes for your happiness, in every relation, and believe me yours affectionately, A. N.

Letter from Rev. John Thomson, Springfield, Hamilton County, Ohio, Oct. 15th, 1829.

To the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education of the General Assembly, the following extracts from the minutes of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, met in the congregation of Mount Carmel, on the 6th instant, are respectfully addressed, viz.

Resolved, 1. That the Cincinnati Presbytery be, and it hereby is, formed into an Education Society, auxiliary to the Board of Education under the care of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America.

2. That the meetings of this Society shall be held at each stated meeting of Presbytery; and that the business of Education be a part of the regular business of Presbytery during their sessions.

3. That the Moderator, stated and permanent Clerks, and Treasurer, for the time being, shall be an Executive Committee, to correspond with the parent Board, and transact all necessary business during the recess between the stated meetings; and report their proceedings at each stated meeting of Presbytery.

4. That this Presbytery, and its Executive Committee, on the subject of Education, shall be governed by the general regulations of the parent Board.

5. That it be recommended to all the congregations in our bounds, to form associations, auxiliary to this Presbytery and report at each stated meeting of Presbytery.

A true copy, signed by the order of the Executive Committee.

JOHN THOMSON, Stated Clerk of Presbytery, and Corresponding Secretary of this auxiliary.

It is known to the parent Board, that an auxiliary education society connected with this Presbytery, has existed for several years. But wishing to act with more energy, and believing that this, as well as missionary exertion, is the proper business of every church and church court, our Presbytery formed itself into an auxiliary, as it appears in the above extracts from their minutes. It is not expected by Presbytery or its executive committee, that we will be able to collect more funds than will need to be expended in our own bounds. On the contrary, it is probable that God's gracious influence on our own churches will put it into the hearts of more pious, poor young men, to devote themselves to the work of the ministry than we will be able to bring forward. If our churches could be visited by a suitable agent, able to give information, and represent the matter in its proper light, our exertions would be much aided.

We have one beneficiary under our care, who is only commencing his education. He has been one session at the Miami University, and is recommended by the Faculty as a promising young man. Others are waiting for that en-

couragement which we hope to be able before long to give them.

Any communication that the parent Board will judge necessary, from time to time will be thankfully received. Address to the Rev. John Thomson, Springdale, Hamilton county, Ohio.

Not knowing the residence or office of the corresponding secretary, this communication shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Executive Committee.*

Affectionately yours, &c.

JOHN THOMSON.

Extract of a letter from the Rev. Dr. B———, dated November 5th, 1829, and addressed to Dr. Ely.

My object in addressing you at this time is to beg your attention to the case of an interesting young gentleman, a regular graduate of the University of Aberdeen, (the oldest college in Scotland.) He has been two years in B——, acting as a clerk and teaching. He is extremely anxious to be brought forward to the ministry. He is under the inspection and care of the Rev. Mr. C——, (of the Presbyterian church.) He has no funds at present.

Now here is the case of a young man already graduated, and who can be brought forward in three years time into the ministry. This will be a great saving of funds.

He is a genteel young man: much of the gentleman: has little or none of the Scottish brogue: has been well brought up. He is well known to eminent gentlemen here, who are acquainted with his father; who is an eminent physician in Aberdeen. He has a wife and two infants. Now could you or Dr. J—— get him into a scholarship at Princeton? His father, he says, will furnish as much as will keep his wife and children. Will you *for the love of Christ*, and by that attachment you bear to our blessed Master's cause, take this excellent and promising young man by the hand? Providence has been visiting him with trials. Raise him up from the dust; and God will bless you for it.

Gladly would I take him by the hand, and urge him into the Dutch church: but we want funds,—and besides he is inclined to the Presbyterian church. He is 27 years of age, but looks like one of 24. He is a fit and interesting subject. Now I shall wait to see if you, who want at least 400 preachers in your church, will take him up and do your duty.

I am, very dear brother, your's, &c.

ANOTHER APPLICATION.

October 30th, 1829.

Reverend and dear sir—A few days since I received a letter from Mr. S. H., formerly a college room-mate of mine, in which he expressed a desire of becoming a beneficiary of the General Assembly's Board of Education; and requested me to address *you* on the subject. He had some conversation on this matter with the Rev. Mr. R. of your city, and desired him to present his case to your Executive Committee. Lest Mr. R. should have forgotten his engagement, or been prevented from fulfilling it, permit me to state, that I have had the pleasure of an acquaintance with him for the last four years. I have always esteemed him as an humble and pious man. He seemed uniformly to feel for perishing sinners, and manifested a spirit of prayer, when all around him were comparatively asleep. He was regarded while in college as a light shining in a dark place. In mental capacity and intellectual acquirements he is much above mediocrity. It is sufficient on this score to say of him, that when he graduated in 1828, he took the first honour of his class. He is in very indigent circumstances, and could now obtain aid from the American Education Society, but he dislikes the plan and principles of that society, and cannot conscientiously receive their aid. Please to present his name to the Executive Committee as soon as possible, as he is now in need of assistance."

Again, and again the question is proposed to the wealthy members of the Presbyterian church, What shall the Board of Education do with these applications? Shall we say to one and another, until it is universally known to be useless to make any requests, that we would aid new beneficiaries, 'we can do nothing for you?'

Every cent we have in the treasury is needed this very week in support of our twenty young men at Princeton. We implore help, but not without first determining to consecrate all our own personal means of usefulness to the Lord.

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* It will frequently happen that Dr. Neill the Corresponding Secretary, will be absent from this city; and therefore letters on the subject of Education may be addressed to my care, or directly to me. The Executive Committee will of course answer by their Chairman or Secretary, when the Corresponding Secretary from absence is prevented from performing this part of service.

EZRA STILES ELY,
Chairman of the Executive Committee.

PLAN

For rendering Sessions Auxiliary Societies to the General Assembly's Board of Missions.

It is believed, after much reflection, that Sessions may become the best auxiliary Missionary Societies that can exist in the Presbyterian Church—that they are more happily adapted to this purpose than any other associations that can be devised, and may supersede the necessity of any other. Sessions are already formed, and must be continued as an essential part in the order and government of the Presbyterian Church; and by their taking an agency in missionary affairs, the church will act *directly by her own officers*, which is the most proper and desirable mode of action, in every thing in which the church is concerned. By Sessions assuming the form of Missionary Societies, all the trouble and all the expense of forming other Missionary associations will be saved; and at the same time Missionary bodies will become more numerous, and more extensively and generally influential, throughout the whole Presbyterian population, than they can ever be otherwise rendered. Missionary operations will in this way be more intimately brought home, as they need to be, to every congregation and to every individual in it, as a concern of their own: and when the people see their own representatives, men of their own choice, and in whom they have confidence, managing and superintending this business, they will be likely to contribute more willingly, generally, and liberally, than they would otherwise do. If in some places it should be considered necessary or expedient, that an individual or two, without becoming regular members of Session, should be joined with it for the special purpose of conducting missionary business, there could be no objection to such a measure.

Auxiliary societies in missionary operations are always chiefly employed in collecting funds for the use of a parent society, or missionary board, by which missions are planned and Missionaries selected and sent forth. Now the Supreme Judicatory of the Presbyterian church have appointed a Missionary Board, the funds of which may easily and most effectually be aided by Sessions in the following ways.

1. It has been proposed by the Board to endeavour to obtain a voluntary subscription of 50 cents annually, from each communicating member in the Presbyterian Churches; and from all non-communicating members in every congregation, who may be willing to make such a contribution. On the funds to be derived from this measure much reliance is placed; and to execute this measure the Session of each congregation is manifestly the natural and proper organ. Let the Session point out the most proper and practicable method of obtaining subscribers; let them appoint a treasurer (one of their own number or any other suitable person) to receive all monies collected in the congregation, and forward them as speedily as practicable to the treasurer of the Board of Missions; let a particular day in the year—say Christmas or New Year's day—be appointed on or before which the 50 cent contribution should be paid; and when the appointed day is near at hand, let the pastor be requested to remind the people from the pulpit of their engagements, and say something calculated to excite and cherish among them a missionary spirit; let some suitable person be appointed to call on those who may not have deposited their subscriptions on or before the appointed day, to collect and deliver them to the treasurer; let an accurate list be kept of all subscribers, and let their number of subscribers be annually forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

2. The Session may promote the keeping of mission boxes in the houses of those who are friendly to the Missionary cause, the contents of which may occasionally be deposited with the treasurer of the Session.

3. The Session may take order that collections for the support of Missions be taken up at the Monthly Concerts for prayer, and appropriate the sums col-

lected in such manner as they may judge to be most equitable: and at these concerts information may be given, as indeed it ought to be given, to the people relative to Missionary concerns, and their minds stirred up to pray for and contribute to the support of the Missionary cause.

4. The members of Session can also receive and in a proper way solicit donations of a larger amount than the annual 50 or 25 cent contribution from those who may be able and willing to make such donations: and if any of the members are acquainted with individuals likely to favour the Missionary cause by testamentary bequests, they may in a discreet and delicate manner remind such individuals of the importance of aiding in sending the gospel to the heathen and to the destitute in our own land.

The foregoing presents a simple plan, of easy execution; and if it be followed up with spirit the whole Presbyterian church may in a few years be, as it is most desirable that it should be, actively engaged in missionary operations. But to produce this effect the Sessions must make and continue some active exertions. Now as *personal responsibility* affords the best security for a careful and persevering attention to any business, especially if it be of a public nature, it may be well that each Session should fix on *some individual*, who may attend to the collection of their Missionary funds, and be charged with superintending the whole concern in the congregation. If this office be found burdensome, it may be, after a fixed period, passed from one individual to another. It may also be well if the Session should make it a standing rule to have two meetings at least in a year expressly for the purpose of attending to Missionary concerns. As the minister of every congregation is always the Moderator of its Session, much—very much—will depend on his taking the lead, cordially co-operating, and discreetly and zealously urging forward an attention to Missionary concerns, both in the Session, and generally among the people of his charge: and it is hoped that no minister in the Presbyterian church will refuse his aid, in a matter of such high importance to the Christian church and the salvation of immortal souls as the sending of the gospel to those who are perishing in ignorance and sin.

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MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS IN THE WEST AND SOUTH.

To the friends of Missions generally, and especially to those whose anxieties and prayers, and contributions have recently been bestowed upon the moral desolations of the *West* and *South*, it will undoubtedly afford the highest gratification to learn, that new & systematic plans have been adopted, and that vigorous and persevering efforts are now making, in the states of Ohio, Kentucky and North Carolina, greatly to enlarge the fields of labour, which have been opened to this Board of Missions, in those highly interesting and important sections of our country.

The Corresponding Secretary and General Agent of the Board has recently visited several ecclesiastical judicatories in this part of the church, and enjoyed the high privilege of participating, for the first time, with his fathers and brethren, beyond the mountains, in the delightful services, ordinances, and fellowships of the house of God, and in bearing a humble part in their deliberations and discussions in reference to Missionary operations.

Synod of Ohio.

The meeting of this body was held in Lancaster, Ohio. Its sessions commenced on the 15th, and terminated on the 19th of October. On Saturday the 17th an opportunity was afforded the Secretary of the Board of Missions, of presenting before the Synod a detailed statement of the plans and operations of the Board. On Monday the 19th the following resolutions were adopted with great unanimity—

1. "That this Synod, for the present, relinquish to the *Assembly's Board* the management of Missionary business.

2. "That they highly approve of the present organization, plan of operations and spirited exertions of the Assembly's Board of Missions, and recommend to their sessions and churches and vacancies a cordial co-operation with said Board.

3. "That they recommend to the churches, the "*Missionary Reporter.*"

The way having thus been prepared, the Rev. *Thomas Barr*, Agent of the Board for the state of Ohio, entered immediately after the adjournment of Synod, on the work of organizing the congregations in this Synod as Auxiliaries of the Board and is still prosecuting this business with energy and success. The Missionary spirit is manifestly rising in this Synod, and *much more* will undoubtedly be *done* during the present year, than has been done in any preceding year, to call forth the contributions, and combine the efforts and prayers of the *churches* in this good cause.

Synod of Cincinnati.

This Body convened at Lebanon, Ohio, on the 22d of October, and on the 23d the Secretary of the Board of Missions, made a statement, similar to that which had been made to the Synod of Ohio, which was received with interest—and the following resolutions were adopted with unanimity.

1. *Resolved*, That it is not expedient for this Board, as such, at present to assume the management of Missionary business within its bounds.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod highly approve of the present organization, plan of operations and spirited exertions of the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, and recommend to the Presbyteries of which it is composed, to co-operate with the same by such organization and measures as they may please to adopt.

From the foregoing resolutions it will be perceived that this Synod chose simply to *relinquish all further Missionary operations*, and to refer it to the respective Presbyteries, to adopt such plans of co-operation with this Board as might be most agreeable to themselves. Two of the Presbyteries, those of *Miami* and *Cincinnati* had previously declared themselves Auxiliary to this Board—and nearly all the congregations in the former had been organized on the 50 cent plan. Corresponding Executive Committees were also appointed by both Presbyteries, according to the wishes of the Board, and a number of Misssionary appointments, recommended by these Committees, have since been made by the Board.—Previous to the adjournment of the Synod arrangements were made with members of the Presbytery of *Chillicothe*, and the newly formed Presbytery of *Oxford*, for the appointment of Corresponding Executive Committees in those bodies—and for the organization of the congregations in both, as Auxiliaries of this Board. The Rev. *Wm. J. Frazer* has since been appointed as a Missionary Agent in this Synod, and is probably now engaged in forming Auxiliaries to the Board.

On Saturday evening the 24th, at the close of a special prayer meeting held by the Synod, and attended by many of the inhabitants of Lebanon, an occurrence took place, which we cannot forbear to mention in this place as fully illustrative of the interesting fact, that the spirit of Christian liberality is greatly increasing in this section of the church, and that Missionary efforts generally prepare the way for the liberal exercise of other charities.—On the afternoon of this day the Female Bible Society of Lebanon had held a special meeting, at which several animated addresses had been delivered, and a collection taken up, for the purpose of relieving them from a small debt of $69, and assisting them in completing the benevolent work of supplying the county of Warren with Bibles. The collection having been small, and entirely insufficient to supply their need, the claims of the Society were again presented in the evening, and a proposition was made by one of the speakers that a subscription should be opened on the spot. This was immediately done, and in the course of a very few minutes so deep an interest was awakened in the Assembly, that nearly $200 were subscribed. Three individuals subscribed 10 dollars each, one subscribed $20, and one $50.

Cincinnati.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Synod the Secretary of the Board visited Cincinnati, and the necessary arrangements having been made, he preached a Missionary sermon, on Sabbath morning Nov. 1st. in the Rev. Dr. Wilson's church to the 1st and 3d congregations united, and proposed the formation of Auxiliaries to the Board of Missions.—Although the

weather was extremely unfavourable, and but a small part of either congregation was present, yet on the afternoon of that day two Auxiliaries were organized, and the names of two hundred and forty persons were enrolled as members, and many of them became subscribers, also, to the "Missionary Reporter, and Education Register," the Monthly Publication of the Board—and the great proportion of the money subscribed was paid in. Systematic arrangements were subsequently made by the sessions of these two churches, greatly to increase the number of subscribers both to the Auxiliaries, and to the Paper. A deep and solemn interest was excited here in the concerns of the Board, and much may be expected from the future efforts, and prayers, and contributions of these highly favoured churches, where seasons of refreshing have so recently been enjoyed—and where the blessed *fruits* of those seasons are so manifest and abundant.

LEXINGTON, KY.

It was the purpose of the Secretary, when he left Philadelphia, to visit the Synod of Kentucky, but this was found to be impracticable. Shortly after the adjournment of that body, he reached Lexington, where several days were spent in presenting to intelligent and influential Clerygymen and laymen, the claims of the Board of Missions. On Sabbath morning Nov. 8th, at the request of the Pastor, the Rev. *Nathan H. Hall*, he preached a Missionary sermon in the First Presbyterian Church in Lexington, and proposed the organization of an auxiliary to the Board. His propositions were received by the Pastor, and a very numerous audience, with great interest and cordiality—and the same day an Auxiliary was established, consisting of about 150 members, and a large number of subscribers to the Monthly Publication was obtained. At the request of a number of the members, a sermon was preached in the evening to the second congregation, and a statement was made to them relative to the operations of the Board of Missions.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST LEXINGTON.

On Tuesday Nov. 10th, a special meeting of this Presbytery was held at the Woodford church, about 13 miles from Lexington, which the Secretary attended, and after having preached and presented the plans of the Board, by particular invitation of the Moderator, and the Pastor of the Church, the Rev. JOHN D. PAXTON, he proposed to the Presbytery the appointment of a "*Corresponding Ex. Committee*," which was immediately agreed to, without a dissenting voice, and the Rev. *James Blythe*, D. D. Rev. *Nathan H. Hall*, and the Rev. *Samuel Steel*, were appointed said Committee. It being deemed important by the members of this Presbytery, and by other friends of the Board, that Auxiliary Societies should be formed, without delay, throughout the State, and the Rev. SIMEON CRANE being recommended as an associate with the Rev. JOHN HUDSON, the agent before commissioned for this State, Mr. Crane has since been appointed as a Missionary Agent for three months. It is believed that both these Agents are now diligently employed in the work assigned them.

The propects, in relation to the cause of Missions generally, in this state, and particularly in relation to the future operations of this Board, are truly animating. It is confidently expected that the Presbyterians of Kentucky

will *do their duty*. This confidence is greatly increased by the following communication which has just been received at the office of the Board.

MUHLINBURGH PRESBYTERY.

Midway Post-office, Caldwell co. Ky. 1829.

"The Presbytery of Muhlinburgh at the October Sessions directed me to transmit the following to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly's Board of Missions.

"Resolved, that this Presbytery are grateful to the Board of Missions of the General Assembly for appointing a Missionary to labour in our bounds; that we perfectly accord with the plans of that Board, under its present organization; and that as Presbyterians we feel bound to sustain it by our prayers and influence and to co-operate, to the utmost of our power, in its plans and efforts to advance the Missionary cause.

"A true copy from the records of the Muhlinburgh Presbytery, Oct. 1829.

ROBERT A. LAPSLEY, *Stated Clerk.*

SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

From Mr. Wm. C. Anderson, Agent of the Board in North Carolina, the pleasing intelligence has just reached us, that, at their recent session at Fayetteville, November 13th, 1829, the following resolution was adopted, viz.

"Resolved, that this Synod cordially approve of the plan proposed by the General Assembly's Board of Missions, for rendering sessions Auxiliary Societies to said Board; and they do hereby affectionately recommend to the several church sessions under the care of this Synod, to carry the said plan into effect under the direction of the Agent which the said Board have appointed for this purpose.

"A true extract from the minutes of Synod.

COLIN MCIVER, *Stated Clerk.*

The way having thus been prepared, the Agent of the Board, shortly after the adjournment of the Synod, entered upon the work of organizing Auxiliaries, and now reports, that, from the limited experience he has already had of the cordiality, and interest with which, the plans of the Board are received and adopted, he is led to anticipate important and desirable results, and is greatly encouraged to go forward with energy and hope. We are, also, highly gratified to learn that the plans and operations of the Board of Missions are very favorably regarded by many of the churches connected with the Synod of *South Carolina and Georgia*, and in conformity with a request recently submitted to the Executive Committee, the Rev. E. W. CARUTHERS, of Greensboro' N. C. has been appointed a Missionary Agent, for four months in these two States, to co-operate with the Agent already employed.

In the brief statement of facts which has now been given there is much to excite the gratitude, to encourage the hopes, to strengthen the faith, and to invigorate the efforts of this Board of Missions, and its numerous friends in every section of the church. We cannot hesitate to believe, that the mighty moral energies of the *West* and *South* are about to be put forth with *new* vigour, and to be intimately and inseparably combined with those of the

East and *North* in the hallowed enterprize of *Domestic Missions*. The feeble and the strong are uniting their powers. The indigent and the affluent are co-mingling the streams of their charity—and all, with one consent, are beginning to come up "to the help of the Lord against the mighty." While those, who are immediately surrounded with the ruins of Zion, are sending forth to their more favored brethren, the most importunate cries for *help*, they are by no means wanting in determined purposes, and laborious exertions to *help themselves*. The noise of the workmen is heard from afar, and from the valley and the mountain-top, the echo of their grateful song assures us that the broken-down walls of Jerusalem are beginning to arise, and that lively stones are polishing to adorn her holy temple. Let every man then, *stand in his lot*, and be *prompt* and *faithful* in *performing* the part which, in the Providence of God, has been assigned him, remembering while he labours, that "in the Lord Jehovah," and in Him *alone*, "is everlasting strength"—and the work will *go forward*—The "City of the Great King" will be covered with the beam of his glory—and "out of Zion" the "perfection of beauty"—Jehovah Jesus will shine.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Great Want of Missionaries in Georgia.

It would have afforded us pleasure to have given publicity at an earlier day, to the following communication; but circumstances did not permit it. It is not, however, too late for the cry of the needy to be heard. We sincerely sympathize with our highly valued correspondent in his anxieties for the South; and we cannot but indulge the hope and expectation, that the solemn and affecting appeals of one, who has long been an afflicted eye witness of the moral desolations he describes, will find their way to the *hearts* and *consciences* of some of our youthful heralds of the cross; and prompt them to go forth without delay, and without fear, to this interesting field of labour. In a letter addressed some time since to the Corresponding Secretary, a Clergyman in Georgia says:—

"My desire is to present to you and to your Board the deplorable deficiency of missionary labourers in Georgia. We have about 25 ministers of our Church in the State, several of whom are engaged in teaching and other employments, which prevents their preaching much. We have, I think, between 50 and 60 churches, and might soon have a large number more organized had we labourers in the vineyard. The subject of religion is assuming daily additional interest in the minds of the people, and they are just now in that state that allows them to be moulded into almost any form. The interests of our church seem to depend very much upon the efforts we shall now make, and the number of labourers we can employ. We think the claims of the South are somewhat overlooked, in the attention which the christian public are giving to the West —Not but that the West is of far more importance from its prospects and the immense extent of country—But still we have a large territory of destitute population; and a very large tract of fertile and healthy country in the west of Georgia is rapidly settling by an active and enterprising population. If the West is twenty times as important as the South at present for missionary operations, it appears to receive forty times the attention from the missionary societies. We regret what we think the overlooking of our comparative claims. The religious excitements which now prevail in the South, and the strong calls for missionaries, seem to urge the necessity of a very special effort. We look with anxiety and confidence to the General Assembly's Board to aid us.

"I regret that it is not now in my power to state definitely, where missionaries are most wanted among us. I could tell you better after returning home, and conferring with my brethren. I can state in general, that the counties lying between the Oahmulgee and Flint rivers, have a number of interesting young churches unsupplied, and offer a wide field for missionary la-

bour. Many churches in that region might be organized with good prospects, had we missionaries employed.

"At the suggestion of the Presbyteries, our Society, through its President, has addressed a circular to the churches, proposing a plan to obtain from every Presbyterian member in the State the sum of 50 cents, or upwards, annually for the Missionary Society. This we think, will be carried into effect.—Our denomination is in its infancy with us, and we need the sympathies, prayers and monies of northern christians to aid our cause. If you can assist us this fall, and during the coming year in obtaining missionaries, you will be entitled to our sincere gratitude, and you will, doubtless, be instrumental in saving souls ready to perish."

Another good example to the Rich.

The following communication, dated Connellsville, Fayette county, Pa. Nov. 6, 1829, was recently received by a member of the Board of Missions, residing in this city. We take the liberty of publishing this note entire, hoping that those who read may be made to *feel* and *pray* and *contribute*, according as God hath given them the ability. Again we say to the *wealthy*, our Missionary treasury is *empty*, and considerably *over-drawn*. Funds are really needed —they are absolutely indispensable. To the Macedonian cries which have broken in upon us from the desolations of the South and West, so many faithful heralds of the gospel have recently responded, "Here are we, send us"—that we shall soon be compelled to withhold our commissions, and *stay* the *rising walls* of Zion, unless the *rich*, as well as the *poor*, shall speedily come up in greater numbers, and with still more liberal contributions to our help. There are now more than 140 labourers actually in the field—and the responsibilities of the Board for the current year, exceed $15,000, and yet our subscriptions of $100 a year for ten years, do not amount to 30. But we must let our correspondent speak—and soon may his prayer be answered, and more labourers *be sent*, to bless the perishing.

"Reverend and dear Sir,

"Looking over the Christian Herald of Pittsburgh, of 17th October last, I see your name and a number of other subscribers to the Missionary Fund of the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America—and as the names of the treasurer and secretary are omitted in the publication, I have taken the liberty of addressing you, and requesting that you will add my name to the list of subscribers of one hundred dollars per year for ten years, to that laudable institution on the proposed plan. That the Lord of the harvest will send forth more labourers into his harvest; that the Kingdom of the dear Redeemer may extend from river to river, and from sea to sea, even to the ends of the earth, and that our dear heavenly Parent may put it into the hearts of as many of his believing people to subscribe, as will complete the number of *one hundred*, as contemplated in the proposed plan of Christian charity and benevolence, is the sincere wish of your friend and obedient serv't.

Alexander Johnston.

Resolutions of the Presbytery of Wabash, Indiana.

The following communication, dated Indianapolis, October 26th, 1829, was received a few days since by the Corresponding Secretary, from the Rev. John B. Moreland, accompanied with a request for the appointment of a Missionary, and a list of 47 subscribers for the "Missionary Reporter, and Education Register." Let Presbyteries which have not yet acted in this matter, imitate the example here presented, and the number of our Missionaries and the means of their support, will very soon be doubled—and many thousands of our own MonthlyPublication will soon be circulating among the distant churches, and arousing them to action.

Dear Sir,—The Presbytery of Wabash in session at Shiloh church, the 15th inst. made it my duty to send you the following Preamble and Resolutions.

"Whereas, the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, in connexion with the Board of Education, have recently published the first number of the Missionary Reporter, and Education Register, which promises to do much good in giving the churches more extensive information on the subject of missions, and the education of young men for the Gospel Ministry;—and whereas, it is important, in order to preserve the unity, peace, and purity, of the church, in this new country, whose character is just forming, that Mission-

aries, who visit us, should embrace the doctrines of our Confession, and believe the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church; and whereas, the Board of Missions of our church, have recently adopted such measures as promise to supply our vacant churches, not only with pious and able, but orthodox Missionaries; therefore,

Resolved, by this Presbytery, that we will aid the Board to carry their plans into effect by all lawful means; and, further,

Resolved, That this Presbytery become auxiliary to the Board, and that we recommend to all the sessions under the care of this Presbytery, to become auxiliary to the Presbytery or to the Board as may be most convenient, and that a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to J. T. Russell, the Secretary and General Agent of the Board."

Permit me, my dear brother, to subjoin a few remarks. The territory embraced by the Wabash Presbytery, is the most important of any in the State of Indiana. It is an hundred miles in extent from east to west; its southern boundary is about thirty miles south of Indianapolis; the northern boundary not defined. Probably the United States do not afford a richer body of land lying together, and, as might be expected, it is rapidly filling with emigrants from other states. The county of Tippecanoe, which was, four years ago, without a white inhabitant, at the last August election, sent to the polls 1000 freemen. Many instances of the same kind could be given. The county is about twenty miles square. In many parts of the above limits, the soil is as productive as the best parts of Kentucky in its best days.

The country not being yet ten years old, the first settlers having young and poor families—farms as yet small—and the tide of emigration immense, it might be supposed that provisions would be scarce and dear—the contrary, however, is the fact, as you will be convinced, when I tell you, corn can be had in abundance for ten cents a bushel, and other provisions in proportion. In ten years there will be an immensely dense population within the bounds of this Presbytery, and shall not measures be taken to supply the inhabitants with the bread of life? and has the Board of Missions of the General Assembly no interest here? are the many members of our church to be left in their scattered state? There never can be a more convenient time to occupy the ground. There are valuable men belonging to our church already in the field, but the work is too much for them, more labourers are wanted, and permit me to suggest the sort this Presbytery and the members of our church would prefer. Where churches are formed, and the people evangelized, men of ordinary piety, talents and attainments, may be the instruments of keeping the church together, and adding greatly to its numbers, but the most talented, pious and devoted men you can command, are necessary to make an impression, where no church exists. We are satisfied, if the object is to collect and organize churches, the strongest men ought to be commissioned. It is a mistake to suppose every new country must necessarily be settled by an ignorant and uncultivated people.—Most of the people within our bounds are intelligent, and some well educated. All the various grades of error which exist in older states, have emigrated here; and if piety and talents are necessary to combat them there, they are equally necessary here. But a weak man, if he has a good weapon, may be effective.

We would not forget that truth is the sword of the Spirit, and it is this which pulls down the strong holds of sin. We feel that there is a difference between the professed ministers of Christ, and we do no one injustice when we prefer men of our own faith, to those who deny the penal sufferings of Christ, and such there are and have been amongst us.

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Ramsay, to the Corresponding Secretary, dated Philadelphia, Nov. 2d, 1829.

"Dear Sir,—Most gladly would I have kept silence concerning my labours in Southwark, but my commission calls for a report from me. Duty must be obeyed. This report embraces a period of six months, ending with October. During that time I have preached 106 times; baptized 9 adults and 21 children, and have received into the communion of the church 21 persons, of which number only one was on certificate.

"As the Board requires 'a full account' from each missionary concerning his mode of operation, permit me to give you a sketch of a week's work, which being multiplied by 52, will give you an idea of how I spend the year.

"On the Sabbath I regularly preach 3 times. After each sermon I converse personally, with as many as are willing to stay, and to be spoken to concerning their own salvation, and urge upon them to comply with wisdom's request of 'give me thy heart.' I have heretofore always found some persons willing to be spoken to; and in many cases have left persons under conviction from a few words spoken after sermon personally to them, who during the period remained perfectly indifferent. Visiting the Sabbath school occasionally, and talking to the children and teachers, forms another item in my Sabbath day labours.

"On every Monday evening (except the first of each month, which we devote to the monthly Concert) I hold an anxious meeting, to which I invite all who feel concerned about their souls, and desire to be spoken to particularly on the subject, to come. This meeting is free for all who feel disposed to attend, but designed for the awakened. For the last 3 years I have kept up this meeting; and I do not now recollect that there have been more than two or three evenings in all that time at which there were not *some enquirers*. I am fully convinced that the practice of holding anxious meetings only in times of more than ordinary excitement is altogether erroneous. If the gospel be preached as it ought, and the people of God in the congregation are engaged in prayer, the missionary may rest assured that somebody's heart is touched, and that some are awakened. An anxious meeting will, most generally, tell who they are, and how much they feel.

On Tuesday evenings I attend a Bible Class, which meets in the basement story of our church. The number of regular attendants is about 30. Since its commencement we have gone through a harmony of the gospels; the Acts of the Apostles, and as far in the old Testament as Judges. This class has been blessed to the awakening of more than 20 persons, who have since been added to the church. A deep interest is felt by the members in this mode of instruction. One reason why more good is not done in Bible classes than there is, appears to me to be owing to a want of that simplicity and familiarity in the mode of giving instruction which should always characterize such a meeting. Let the minister propose difficult questions to his class, which it would require some theologian to answer, and he may rely on it he will do but little good. So did not his Master. Besides, there ought to be a 'thou art the man' application of the whole subject to the class on the conclusion.

"On Wednesday evenings the members of the church have social prayer meetings, some of which I usually attend.

"On Thursday nights I regularly preach in the church, which is always well attended.

"On Saturday nights I attend the church prayer meeting; this meeting is changed from house to house, and is also well attended. I usually address those who attend, and converse with the anxious after the meeting is dismissed. In this meeting I am assisted by the members of the church.

"Besides these public meetings, I spend more or less time every week in visiting from house to house, and conversing with all I can find from the garret to the cellar, upon the subject of religion; and on nothing else except it be as an introduction. It frequently happens, however, that all the family are out, but one or two; or they are "so *particularly engaged* that they cannot be seen at the present, but would be very glad to see me any time again." Felix-like, any time but the present. Sometimes the children are out, and it is not known where they are; but the gently lifting up of the latch of the stair door has let me into the secret, and enabled me to tell what had become of them. Frequently have I sat in the room with only one individual, and preached Christ to a number of others who listened with breathless anxiety behind the cellar-stair, or room door. A missionary should take it for granted when he enters a house, that there are more persons listening to his discourse than those in his immediate presence. In these visits I have found it of great benefit to carry with me some copies of 'Baxter's Call,' 'Allein's Alarm,' &c. to give to those who may be impressed at the time, or will promise to read them.

"Every thing in this church is now of an encouraging kind; and all that is wanting, with the blessing of God, to build up a large congregation in this part of the suburbs, is a little longer time, and the missionary to give himself *wholly* to the work."

Extract from a monthly report of the Rev. J. D. Hughes, dated Greensburgh, Beaver County, Pa. Oct. 27, 1829.

"From the date of my last report, August 15th, until the 6th of October,

I continued to labour statedly in the congregation of Springfield. This report, therefore, embraces a period of one month and three weeks. During that time, a good degree of harmony prevailed in the congregation, public worship was well attended, and at times there appeared to be evidence that the Spirit of the Lord accompanied the messages of the gospel. The Sabbath Schools received good attendance from most of the children in the congregation, and it is believed, were beneficial both to pupils and teachers. Religious Tracts were read by many with interest, and arrangements have been made to co-operate with the Portage County Tract Society, in their late resolution, to place a Religious Tract monthly, during the year 1830, so far as is practicable, in the hands of each family.

On the first Sabbath of October, the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. S. Cleland, who attended with us on that occasion. The season was considered interesting and solemn, and by a number felt to be refreshing. Five young persons were, on examination, received into the communion of the church, and at least as many others express an anxious concern for the salvation of their souls.

During the time embraced by this report, I preached twenty-eight discourses, and visited thirty-six families.

For the Board of Missions I received $ 22 62 cents, from the congregation of Springfield.

New Jersey.

From Rev. James G. Force. dated Millville, Sept. 30, 1829, to the Cor. Secretary.

Rev. and Dear Sir,

"Since I wrote last, I have preached seventeen sermons, visited thirty-five families, and am still visiting in Millville and its vicinity. The number of my hearers has increased, yet not in proportion to the population in Millville. There are a few persons not in communion with any church, who appear serious minded. I have conversed with eight or nine, whose consciences are tender, and quite susceptible of deep impressions from the word of God. Some are labouring under the weight of conscious guilt, and others entertaining such measures of knowledge, and approbation of the plan of salvation through a crucified Saviour, as to begin to rejoice in the rich hope of pardon in the merits of his blood. May the Holy Spirit be pleased to breathe on this spark, which appears so much like his own kindling till it shall arise to a flame!!!

In general, piety is in a low state here—but few attend the weekly prayer meetings and monthly concert. A very few brethren "speak often one to another," and we hope "the Lord hearkens and hears," and in his own time will give us a greater blessing. The Lord save us from despising small things! for there is no gift of his hand, but what, being rightly improved, will be succeeded with greater mercies.

Ohio.

Rev. Henry Van Deman's Report, dated Delaware, Sept. 1st, 1829, to the Corresponding Secretary.

Dear Sir,—As a Missionary of your Board, I have endeavoured to fulfil all the duties assigned me.

In Delaware, on the 3d Sabbath ult. I administered the Lord's Supper. The season was peculiarly interesting. Ten were added to the church, seven on examination, and I trust the Lord has not forsaken us, but is with us to do us good.

During the past month I have preached 19 sermons, travelled 72 miles, received 10 communicants, baptized 7 infants, visited many sick, attended and encouraged Sabbath Schools on the S. S. Union plan, &c. &c.

Being convinced of the great importance of unity of sentiment and effort in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in these United States, I have come to the conclusion to form this session auxiliary to the Assembly's Board: and if nothing in the providence of God prevent, I intend in a few days to accomplish this purpose. We have now a little money collected for missionary purposes, which I design shall be subject to your order.

We have built a house for God here, and a few days since dedicated it to him. It is erected of stone, finished in a very plain manner, and is in size 52 by 66. To build this house has been the labour of three years; and now we are in debt from 150 to 200 dollars.

Illinois.

Joy occasioned by an increase of Missionary Laborers.

A Missionary of the Board in the State of Illinois, in a letter to the Corresponding Secretary, dated October 30th, thus writes:—

"I must express to you my joy and gratitude at the arrival of your Mis-

sionary Mr. I. B. who is now on the ground assigned him. I trust, he is one that is "called of God;" and that his pious labours will be abundantly blessed. And oh, that the choicest blessings of heaven may rest upon those friends in that part of Zion, who are, in their benevolence, aiding us in furnishing the destitute in this new land, with the stated means of grace and salvation. Surely, "the blessing of those that were ready to perish will come upon them." Should Mr. B. make a permanent settlement in W. we hope that the way will, ere long, be prepared by our united efforts, under the blessing of God, for several ministers more, in this end of the State.

North Carolina.

Interesting Synodical Meeting.

A Missionary of this Board in North Carolina, under date of Oct. 21st, writes to the Corresponding Secretary, as follows:—

"My present report has been necessarily delayed, on account of my having to attend the meeting of the Holston Presbytery, and the meeting of the East Tennessee Synod, which met at Greenville, East Tennessee, on Wednesday, 14th inst. and adjourned Monday evening following. The citizens of Greenville and its vicinity enjoyed, during the sessions of the Synod, a very interesting and precious season. The spirit of the Lord seemed to have produced a mighty "shaking in the valley of dry bones." Thirty-five were added to the church, and a number more are anxious. On the Sabbath, nearly 400 were privileged to testify their love and attachment to the Saviour of sinners, by obeying his dying command, "Do this in remembrance of me."

Camp-meeting and Communion.

The same missionary gives the following account of a four day's meeting, held by himself and a brother in the ministry, in Concord, N. C. towards the last of October.

"On Friday, we went to Concord (ten miles) to attend a communion. The people, for the sake of convenience, encamped on the ground. I will briefly describe this meeting, that you may have a correct idea of the manner in which *Presbyterian* camp-meetings, which the situation of this southern country seems to render necessary here, are conducted. On Friday, the people assembled, and we had on this occasion, only one sermon during the day, and one at night; but ordinarily we have two. About sunrise every morning all the congregation assembled either in the church, or at three or four different tents for morning prayers. Immediately after breakfast, say 9 o'clock, a sermon was preached--at 11 o'clock another —and about 1 o'clock another—then dinner. The time from dinner until candle-lighting, when another sermon was preached, was employed in reading, singing and prayer. After the evening services in the church were concluded, they went to their tents, where, after prayers, they all retired, in good season, to rest.

This was truly a precious season.—Twenty-five were admitted to church privileges, and about seventy more, apparently deeply impressed, came to the anxious seats. Professors appear to be stirred up to some sense of the importance of earnest, importunate prayer, for a refreshing from the presence of the Most High. The meeting terminated on Monday, when all returned to their homes, some rejoicing for the great things which the Lord had done for them, and others deeply impressed with a sense of unpardoned sin. The elders appointed a prayer meeting to be held in the church the next Sabbath."

The Missionary further reports—

"From Concord, I went directly to Morgantown, about fifty miles, and attended the anniversary meeting of the Morgantown Bible Society, which, among other resolutions, resolved that within two years from May, 1829, they will supply every destitute family in the county with a copy of the Scriptures.—From Morgantown, I went to Little Britain, in Rutherford county, and attended another sacramental meeting.—Five were added to the church here, and a few others are still anxious. They are also about organizing a Sabbath school in the congregation, which we hope will be a blessing to them."

NOTICE TO AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

In issuing the *last number* of the "*Reporter,*" for the current year, we would earnestly solicit the attention of the *Pastors* and *Elders* of our churches, to some important features in our plan of auxiliary connexion, and especially to that which relates to *annual contributions* to the Board of Missions.—It will be recollected, that the 25th *day of December*, in each year, which is

now at hand, has been particularly designated, as a favorable and appropriate time for all our Auxiliaries to pay over to *Sessions* the amount of their subscriptions, to be remitted to the Treasurer of the Board. To avoid multiplying public anniversaries, which are already so numerous in many of our congregations, as to be deemed by some a serious evil, the Board have designedly excluded them from their plan. It is believed that the necessity of such Anniversaries may be entirely superseded, and the objects for which they are generally designed, may be far more easily and certainly attained by their Auxiliaries, in the way which we now propose and recommend to all our Auxiliaries.

1. Let each congregation be divided into as many districts as there are Ruling Elders in the Session, and previous to the 25th of the present month, *let each Elder visit*, as extensively as possible, in his own district, for the special purpose of communicating definite information repecting the general plans, the past operations, the present wants, and the future prospects of the Board—and for the purpose of arousing the attention of the people to the paramount importance, the indispensable necessity, and the vast utility of the missionary enterprises in which the church is engaged, and the imperious obligations resting upon them as men, as patriots, as philanthropists, and above all, as *christians*, to aid these hallowed enterprises by their counsels, by their prayers, and by their contributions.—To assist him in this work, let each Elder, if possible, place in the hands of every person in his district, a copy of the present and past numbers of the "*Reporter*," and earnestly request an attentive perusal of all those articles especially, which are directly calculated to develope the doings, designs, and necessities of our Board, and let some of these articles also be read in the weekly meetings for conference and prayer.

[We would here remark, that it is our purpose in all future years, to give, in the December number of this work, a brief summary of all that shall have been accomplished by the Board during the year, which may be read to the respective auxiliaries from the pulpit, and serve, it is apprehended, a far better purpose, than an ordinary report of a single society. The Address to the Public, in our first number, the statement of the circumstances of the Board in the second, and the additional facts which may be collected from the present, seem to render such a formal communication, at this time, unnecessary.]

2. On the *Sabbath*, immediately preceding *Christmas*, let every *Pastor* preach a sermon to his own people, on Domestic Missions, and faithfully endeavour to excite *Elders*, and other *communicants*, and the members of his congregation generally, to a prompt and cheerful discharge of their *duty*, in this matter, to the church, to their country and their God.

3. On the day appointed for collecting the Annual subscriptions, let each Elder again pass through his district, or be prepared in some other way to receive them, and let him at the same time make faithful exertions to obtain additional subscribers to the *Auxiliary*, and also to our *monthly publication*—and then let the monies collected be immediately remitted to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions. While we cheerfully submit these several propositions to the deliberate consideration of the Pastors and Elders of our churches, and would be very far from attempting to prescribe to them any precise method of proceeding in this labor of love, we cannot refrain from expressing our own decided opinion, that if these perfectly simple and feasible measures should be generally adopted, and vigorously pursued, they would be speedily followed by results the most desirable and beneficial to the Board of Missions, to the church of God, to our common country.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS.

Rev. John Joyce, 1 year to the Synod of Pittsburgh.

Rev. Jereniah Hill, to the Wabash Presbytery, Indiana, for 1 year.

Mr. Matthew B. Patterson, to the con-

gregations of Bloomsburgh and Briars Creek, Pa. for 1 year.

Rev. J. Eaton, 6 months to Coniautee, Erie co. Pa.

Rev. Ashbel Parmele, 3 months to the Presbytery of Champlain, N. Y.

Rev. Gilbert Morgan, 1 year to Morgantown, Va.

Rev. Simeon R. Jones, to Wyalusing, Bradford co. Pa. for 12 months.

Rev. Wm. J. Frazier, 2 months as Missionary Agent to the Synod of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Alexander Rankin, 1 month to the counties of Dearborn and Switzerland, Ind.

Rev. Thomas Thomas, 1 year to Venice, Butler co. Ohio.

Mr. Thomas E. Hughes, 1 year to the counties of Switzerland and Union, Indiana.

Mr. John S. Weaver, to Franklin and Green counties, Ohio, for 12 months.

Rev. Simeon Crane, 3 months Missionary Agent to the state of Kentucky.

Rev. Oliver Levitt, 1 year to Central Square, Oswego co. N. Y.

Re-appointments.

Rev. G. G. Sill, one month to the Rochester Presbytery, N. Y.

Rev. Samuel Sturgeon, 1 year to Stroudsburgh, Pa.

New Agents for the Reporter.

Mr. Robert G. Johnston, Salem, N. J.

Mr. John Stites, Cape May, N. J.

Mr. James Wilson, Easton, Pa.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

J. H. Leggett, N. Y.; M. Carmichael, N. J.; Trustees of Central Square Congregation, N. Y.; G. G. Sill, N. Y.; J. W. Alexander, Va.; B. Baldwin, Con.; J. W. McKennan, Pa.; A. Leonard, Ohio; A. Alexander, N. Y.; R. G. Lynn, Ohio; A. Gilchrist, N. C.; E. S. Hunter, N. Y.; J. Pumroy, Pa.; P. Chamberlain, Pa.; J. Taylor, Pa.; M. Chase, N. Y.; Session of Cross Creek Church, Pa.; J. Anderson, Pa.; W. C. Anderson, Pa.; W. Quillin, N. C.; J. F. Fields, N. J.; J. Smith, Pa.; L. Taliaferro, Miss.; D. C. Allen, Ohio; A. O. Hubbard, Md. N. Hoyt, Geo.; J. Agnew, Pa.; J. M. Olmstead, Pa.; T. Barr, Ohio; M. Dickson, S. C.

ACCOUNT OF CASH RECEIVED

By the Board of Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, during the month of November, 1829.

Bellefonte, Collection in Presbyterian Church				$15 00
Chambersburg, Do. by Rev. D. Denny				15 00
Lexington, Ky. First Annual payment of Auxiliary Society of First Presbyterian Church				15 56
Mifflinton and Lost Creek, Collections in Presbyterian Church, per Rev. J. Hutchinson				21 50
Princeton, N. J. From session of the Presbyterian Church, per Rev. G. S. Woodhull				30 00
Philadelphia, Donation from Mr. Wm. F. Geddes			3 16	
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Do. Monthly contribution in 2d Presbyterian Church			30 01	
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Do. do. 8th do.			14 00	
Do. Collected in 3d Presbyterian Church in aid of the Swiss Evangelical Mission to Liberia, in Africa, by Rev. Dr. Ely			86 00	
Do. Received from Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D. his subscription for 1829			100 00	
Do. Received from the Union Society, in aid of the Indian Missions, by Mrs. J. P. Engles, Treasurer			54 50	
Do. Donation from Rev. Wm. L. M'Calla			1 50	
Do. Received from Wm. F. Geddes, publisher of the Philadelphian, for one subscription obtained by the Corresponding Secretary			1 00	
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Taneytown, Md. Received from Auxiliary Society, per Margaret Birnie, Secy.				35 00
Upper Octorara, Subscriptions in Presbyterian Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. James Latta, by Rev. J. H. Kennedy				16 00
Washington City, Collection in 4th Presbyterian Church by Rev. Mr. Danforth				10 00
Missionary Reporter, Received from sundry Subscribers				29 00
				$507 63

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THE
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EDITED BY WILLIAM NEILL, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

DISPOSITION OF THE SYNODS
In regard to this Board.

1. *The Synod of Albany.*—In the last number, a certified minute of this Synod was published, by which it appeared, that they were *unanimous* in approving, highly, the objects of our Board, and recommended the same to the favorable consideration of the Presbyteries and Churches under their care.

2. *The Synod of New York.*—We have not yet received an official account of their proceedings in relation to this Board. But we know from private information, that, after an animated discussion, it was resolved by them, *almost unanimously*, to establish a Board of Education, auxiliary to the Assembly's Board.

3. *The Synod of Philadelphia.*—With pleasure we lay before our readers the following attested minute, from which it will appear how ready they are to co-operate with this Board.

At a Meeting of the Synod of Philadelphia, at Carlisle, Oct. 28, 1829.

Dr. Neill, as General Agent of the General Assembly's Board of Education, stated to the Synod his desire to lay the business of his agency before this body. Therefore,

Resolved, That Dr. Neill, Dr. Ely, and Mr. Nevins, be a committee to prepare and report to the Synod measures to be adopted on the subject.

The committee appointed to devise and report measures to be adopted on the subject of aiding indigent and pious young men, while prosecuting their studies, with a view to the ministry of the gospel, beg leave to submit the following:—

Whereas, in the judgment of this Synod, the state of our Church, and the exigencies of the world, demand a large increase of faithful and well educated ministers of the gospel: And, whereas, the Board of Education of the General Assembly, has this object distinctly in view, and is now taking vigorous measures for its accomplishment, which, if sustained by the ministers and members of the Presbyterian Church, it is hoped will, under favour of Divine Providence, be crowned with success.—Therefore, resolved,

1. That it be, and it hereby is, earnestly recommended to the Presbyteries and Churches connected with this Synod, to render all the assistance in their power to the Board, in its endeavours to compass the design of its appointment, by furnishing the General Agent with the names and characters of candidates, by using their influence with wealthy individuals, and by an annual contribution from all our congregations.

2. In order to enable the Board to fulfil its engagements with twenty* beneficiaries, now in the Theological Seminary at Princeton; and to receive several other candidates, who, if not received immediately, will either seek assistance from another quarter, or resign the hope of ever becoming ministers of Christ;

Resolved, That every member now present, be requested to subscribe such sum as he may feel willing to become responsible for, payable within six months; and that the General Agent of the Board of Education be requested to present the subscription paper as soon as possible to those members who are absent,

3. That every minister in our Synodical connexion be and hereby is requested to promote the circulation of "The Missionary Reporter, and Education Register," published at the low rate of fifty cents per annum, and designed to give information to our people in regard to the aim, the wants, and the doings, of the Missionary and Education Boards of the General Assembly.

A true Extract from the minutes of Synod. HENRY R. WILSON,
Stated Clerk.

Carlisle, Oct. 28, 1829.

4. *The Synod of Pittsburg*, last year established a Board of Education, auxiliary to the Assembly's Board.

5. *The Synod of Ohio*, and

6. *The Synod of Cincinnati.*—We have no doubt, from information received, that these western Synods are prepared to act with our Board, in the education of indigent and pious youth for the gospel ministry.

* The Board assist others; amounting in all to twenty-eight.

Proof is here presented, that the Presbyterian Church is waking up to the importance of superintending the education of her own sons, who aspire to the honour of ministering in holy things in her connexion. This we regard as her solemn duty. Would any wise, judicious, and intelligent parent commit the superintendence of his son's education to strangers, when he had the leisure and the opportunity, and the means of attending to this important business himself, and when circumstances did not require him to be placed beyond his own anxious personal inspection? The Presbyterian Church has within her bounds, schools, academies, colleges, and theological seminaries, in which her sons may be well instructed; and would it not be a dereliction of obvious duty, were she, in such circumstances, to relinquish to others the superintendence of their education. She doubtless is more competent than strangers, to train them up in the belief of those doctrines, which she believes to be true and scriptural; and in attachment to that form of ecclesiastical government, which she has adopted; because she feels persuaded it accords best with the principles laid down by apostolical authority and example. There is no need of copartnership in this interesting business; and especially none for one that would give the chief controul to foreign direction. Let strangers gain the power, and they will endeavour to mould the minds and habits of our youth to their own liking; and in doing so, they would think they were discharging a duty they owed to truth and religion. In Bible societies, in Tract societies, in the Sunday School Union, different denominations may harmoniously unite, without any compromise of principle; but, in superintending the education of young men for the ministry, we are inclined to believe every denomination should be left to their own wisdom and discretion. We feel no disposition to abandon minor points of doctrine, for the sake of producing an amalgamation of christian denominations. Truth is sacred; whether the truth be fundamental or of less vital importance in the christian system. Christians are bound to endeavour "to keep the *unity of the Spirit* in the bond of peace," and to love their fellow christians of every name, how much soever they may differ in their views of truth, provided they hold to the Head, Christ, the Son of God, and the essentials in christian doctrine. But we have long believed that christians must be brought much nearer in their views, than a concurrence in the belief of the essential articles of religion, before they can live together in peace and harmony in one amalgamated body. Human nature is not prepared for such a union. Were preachers of very discordant views permitted to address the same congregations, they would distract and confound the popular mind. Sects may be, and no doubt are, kept apart as distinct bodies, without sufficient reason. But we deem it requisite to the peace and edification of the church of Christ, that christians should live in separate denominations, till they approximate more to each other in their views of doctrine and church-government. Every attentive observer of passing events, has seen how much the peace of the church has been marred, and unity of action prevented, in different christian sects, by diversity of views in their members; and it is easy to infer, that the evil would become much greater, if greater discord were to prevail in their sentiments. In fact, there are different sects in one and the same denomination.

Funds.

The funds of the Board are, as yet, small, and altogether inadequate to the extent of usefulness to which the members are looking. In the great work of training up a ministry to supply her own wants, and to assist in supplying the wants of our country and of the world, it may justly be expected from the Presbyterian Church to do what will correspond with her wealth and her population. Let every member contri-

bute according to his ability and circumstances, and no complaint will be heard in regard to a deficiency of means. For missionary and education purposes our church might, *with ease*, contribute between 200,000 and 300,000 dollars, annually.

Frequent Applications.

Applications for charity are continually occurring. Nor can they cease, so long as the declaration of our Lord shall be verified by the existing state of things, "the poor have ye always with you in the world." And shall we murmur at the order of Providence, or refuse to meet the claims of the needy on our abundance, or withhold a pittance of a scanty income to relieve the greater necessity of others, or to aid in some humble degree in accomplishing the great and glorious designs of our blessed Redeemer? We pay our annual taxes towards supporting the government under which we live, as a compensation for the benefits we enjoy in the preservation of our lives, our liberty, and our property; and can we deem it a hardship, if, as an expression of gratitude for the signal blessings we enjoy, as subjects of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, we be required to contribute yearly of the substance he gives us, a due proportion to relieve the necessities of our fellow-subjects, and to extend the limits of his kingdom, that perishing immortals may share with us in the blessings of grace and salvation?

But frequent as the applications for charity are, we are not disposed to recal the assertion made in regard to the amount that the Presbyterian church could easily raise for the missionary and education funds. If we number 180,000 communicants, the whole population sustaining some connexion with our church, probably does not fall much short of 1,000,000 of souls; and could not such a population raise the sum stated, and yet meet all other demands on their charity?

Suggestions to the Liberal.

We know we have in our communion men of noble and liberal minds. Feeling that they are stewards of the Lord, they wish to be able to render an acceptable account of their stewardship. They have determined what proportion they ought to give to charitable purposes. It is a sacred fund, subject to the drafts of Providence. Now, we shall not ask them to increase the amount of that fund. But we beg leave to inquire whether they have appropriated a due proportion of it to missionary and education purposes? We do not, we think, undervalue other objects of benevolence; but we feel impressed with the vast importance of raising up a well-qualified ministry, and of sending forth missionaries to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to the destitute in our own country, and in other parts of the world. We shall not forget other objects; but we think we ought especially to remember these as favorite objects, to which we intend to make a corresponding proportion of our own charitable fund. Now, if our views and feelings be right, we should rejoice to learn that they were adopted by our liberal and opulent brethren. By these remarks, however, it is not intended to intimate that what may be allotted for the education of pious youth, should all be given to the Board, or to its auxiliaries; because some may wish to patronise individuals and carry them through their education without placing them on public funds. Yet we cannot withhold the remark, that, at least for the present, it would gratify us and aid the efforts of the General Assembly in this great enterprize, if they would give largely to the Board and to its auxiliaries.

Confirmation.

Having just learnt that the matter furnished was not sufficient to fill the pages of the Register, we embrace the opportunity to state, that the information given above of the Synod of New York, has been confirmed by an official letter received by our Corresponding Secretary, from a member of that Synod's Board of Education. The Board, he informs us, has met, adopted a constitution, and appointed an Executive Committee to manage their affairs. This committee consists of Henry Rankin, Chairman, who belongs to Dr. M'Elroy's church, Dr. Post, Corresponding Secretary, of the Rev. C. Mason's church, Moses Allen, Recording Secretary, of Dr. Spring's church, James

Lenox, Treasurer, of Dr. Phillips' church; together with Drs. Spring and Phillips, and the Rev. C. Mason. The committee are looking out for an agent to visit all the churches belonging to their Synod. As this Board has access to many churches, and a considerable number of wealthy ones, we may justly expect to find in it an efficient and powerful auxiliary in the important cause of education.

The example set by this and other Synods, we trust, will be followed by all our Synods, and that the whole Presbyterian Church will arise and act with united, active, and persevering efforts in training up a pious, able, and learned ministry. We all profess to believe the same doctrines so admirably set forth to the world in the Confession of Faith, and to approve that form of government under which our church has grown and flourishes. And does it not behoove us to endeavour to transmit this fair inheritance, undiminished and untarnished, to our posterity?

Wants of the Church.

In conducting the great business of education for the ministry, we should take a lofty aim. Let us look, not only at the wants of our own church, which are great; not only at the wants of our country, which are still greater, but at the wants of the whole world. To meet these wants would require more than 600,000 preachers of the gospel. How appalling the number! Yet this number must and will be furnished; not by miracle, but by the instrumentality of the church of Christ. It is his command that his gospel should be preached in all the world. The command was given to his church more than 1800 years ago. It has been obeyed only in a partial degree; but it must be obeyed in all its extent. Let the whole church arise to the mighty work, and her strength and wealth will increase as she proceeds in her labours; like some noble river, whose waters, by the accession of many a tributary stream, are continually expanding and deepening as they roll toward the ocean. Let the Presbyterian Church do her part in this great work; not pretending to manage the whole concern for the American people, but only to take care of her own sons, and to bring forth into the ministry as many as she can find fit to be trained up for that holy office. And doubtless, if she will apply the resources which God has given her, the number ready to accept her parental aid will continually increase; and her ability to meet the growing demands on her contributions, will be continually augmented.

Six hundred thousand preachers to be educated and afterward supported! What a burden! No burden at all! It will be the work, not of one church, but of all the churches of Christ; not of one, but of all christian nations; assisted by every other nation, ganied in succession to the kingdom of Christ; till the work shall be divided among all the nations of the world.

And when mankind shall be under the instruction and influence of such a vast number of pious, able, evangelical ministers of the gospel, how greatly will the world be enriched! The millions wasted in the purchase of intoxicating liquors; the millions expended in the support of idle and worthless poor; the millions consumed by prisons, jails, and penitentiaries; the millions spent in the gratification of folly, extravagance and vice; the millions extorted from the poor by oppression; the millions purloined from public treasuries by avaricious and faithless rulers; the millions lavished in wars, and lost in the destruction of cities and territories; all these millions saved by the mighty influence of the gospel, and the earth becoming a hundred fold more productive under the blessing of a gracious God, the maintenance of a numerous ministry will be as nothing to a world living in peace and love, and blest with the fertility and abundance of a paradise as extensive as the earth's limits.

RECEIPTS

Of the Board during the month of November.

From Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Dicky, Oxford, Pa. by Dr. Neill, General Agent,	$10 00
From a few individuals in M'Connelstown, Pa. by the General Agent,	1 91
From a few individuals in Columbia, Pa. by the General Agent,	36 50
From a few individuals in Lancaster, Pa. by the General Agent,	26 00
From the 6th Congregation, Philadelphia, by the General Agent,	326 75
	$401 16

The foregoing is the amount of money, actually received by me, this month: more has been subscribed, which will be acknowledged when paid.

W. Neill,
Cor. Sec. and Gen. Agent.

PLAN

For rendering Sessions Auxiliary Societies to the General Assembly's Board of Missions.

It is believed, after much reflection, that Sessions may become the best auxiliary Missionary Societies that can exist in the Presbyterian Church—that they are more happily adapted to this purpose than any other associations that can be devised, and may supersede the necessity of any other. Sessions are already formed, and must be continued as an essential part in the order and government of the Presbyterian Church; and by their taking an agency in missionary affairs, the church will act *directly by her own officers*, which is the most proper and desirable mode of action, in every thing in which the church is concerned. By Sessions assuming the form of Missionary Societies, all the trouble and all the expense of forming other Missionary associations will be saved; and at the same time Missionary bodies will become more numerous, and more extensively and generally influential, throughout the whole Presbyterian population, than they can ever be otherwise rendered. Missionary operations will in this way be more intimately brought home, as they need to be, to every congregation and to every individual in it, as a concern of their own: and when the people see their own representatives, men of their own choice, and in whom they have confidence, managing and superintending this business, they will be likely to contribute more willingly, generally, and liberally, than they would otherwise do. If in some places it should be considered necessary or expedient, that an individual or two, without becoming regular members of Session, should be joined with it for the special purpose of conducting missionary business, there could be no objection to such a measure.

Auxiliary societies in missionary operations are always chiefly employed in collecting funds for the use of a parent society, or missionary board, by which missions are planned and Missionaries selected and sent forth. Now the Supreme Judicatory of the Presbyterian church have appointed a Missionary Board, the funds of which may easily and most effectually be aided by Sessions in the following ways.

1. It has been proposed by the Board to endeavour to obtain a voluntary subscription of 50 cents annually, from each communicating member in the Presbyterian Churches; and from all non-communicating members in every congregation, who may be willing to make such a contribution. On the funds to be derived from this measure much reliance is placed; and to execute this measure the Session of each congregation is manifestly the natural and proper organ. Let the Session point out the most proper and practicable method of obtaining subscribers; let them appoint a treasurer (one of their own number or any other suitable person) to receive all monies collected in the congregation, and forward them as speedily as practicable to the treasurer of the Board of Missions; let a particular day in the year—say Christmas or New Year's day—be appointed on or before which the 50 cent contribution should be paid; and when the appointed day is near at hand, let the pastor be requested to remind the people from the pulpit of their engagements, and say something calculated to excite and cherish among them a missionary spirit; let some suitable person be appointed to call on those who may not have deposited their subscriptions on or before the appointed day, to collect and deliver them to the treasurer; let an accurate list be kept of all subscribers, and let their number of subscribers be annually forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

2. The Session may promote the keeping of mission boxes in the houses of those who are friendly to the Missionary cause, the contents of which may occasionally be deposited with the treasurer of the Session.

3. The Session may take order that collections for the support of Missions be taken up at the Monthly Concerts for prayer, and appropriate the sums col-

ected in such manner as they may judge to be most equitable: and at these concerts information may be given, as indeed it ought to be given, to the people relative to Missionary concerns, and their minds stirred up to pray for and contribute to the support of the Missionary cause.

4. The members of Session can also receive and in a proper way solicit donations of a larger amount than the annual 50 or 25 cent contribution from those who may be able and willing to make such donations: and if any of the members are acquainted with individuals likely to favour the Missionary cause by testamentary bequests, they may in a discreet and delicate manner remind such individuals of the importance of aiding in sending the gospel to the heathen and to the destitute in our own land.

The foregoing presents a simple plan, of easy execution; and if it be followed up with spirit the whole Presbyterian church may in a few years be, as it is most desirable that it should be, actively engaged in missionary operations. But to produce this effect the Sessions must make and continue some active exertions. Now as *personal responsibility* affords the best security for a careful and persevering attention to any business, especially if it be of a public nature, it may be well that each Session should fix on *some individual*, who may attend to the collection of their Missionary funds, and be charged with superintending the whole concern in the congregation. If this office be found burdensome, it may be, after a fixed period, passed from one individual to another. It may also be well if the Session should make it a standing rule to have two meetings at least in a year expressly for the purpose of attending to Missionary concerns. As the minister of every congregation is always the Moderator of its Session, much—very much—will depend on his taking the lead, cordially co-operating, and discreetly and zealously urging forward an attention to Missionary concerns, both in the Session, and generally among the people of his charge: and it is hoped that no minister in the Presbyterian church will refuse his aid, in a matter of such high importance to the Christian church and the salvation of immortal souls as the sending of the gospel to those who are perishing in ignorance and sin.

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CORRESPONDING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES.

Deeply sensible of their solemn responsibilities to the churches, and aware of the difficulties which may meet and embarrass them in their management of the great Missionary concerns with which they have been entrusted, the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions have long been desirous of availing themselves of the counsels, and systematic co-operation of the several Presbyteries, in some way which should not mar the simplicity and harmony of the plan of operations which they have heretofore adopted and pursued. They have had this subject repeatedly before them, and after mature deliberation, they have adopted, and would now earnestly recommend, to the particular and immediate attention of Presbyteries, the following method of co-operation with the Assembly's Board, in their future operations.

They recommend to each Presbytery to appoint annually, such a number of the members of their own body, as they may deem necessary, to be styled a "*Corresponding Executive Committee on Missions*," to be invested with the following powers.

I. To receive, generally, applications for aid from feeble congregations, within the bounds of the Presbytery, which have Pastors or stated supplies, and to recommend the same to the Ex.Committee of the Board of Missions.

II. To devise and execute plans for raising funds in the several congregations within their bounds, which funds shall be reported to the Treasurer of the Assembly's Board, and be held subject to the orders of said Board.

III. To select and recommend to the Ex.Committee of the Board of Missions, Missionary fields, and Missionary labourers, and also, to locate such Missionaries as may be sent to them by the Board for specific instructions.

The above plan of correspondence and co-operation has already been submitted to several Presbyteries, by whom it has been highly approved and cordially adopted—and the Ex.Committee of this Board are beginning to experience many important and beneficial results—and we are fully persuaded, that an experiment of a single year will be sufficient to satisfy any Presbytery of the great utility and importance of the measure proposed. It will be perceived, at once, that each Presbytery will, in this way, retain and exercise all the powers which are necessary to the most extended and efficient Missionary operations within their own respective bounds—not inconsistent with the general claims of the country upon the Assembly's Board. By appointing such an Ex.Committee, as we have proposed, who shall be responsible both to the Presbytery and to this Board, they will not only be duly informed of all that may be done by the Board within their bounds, but they will also, guard most effectually against all appropriations, to congregations soliciting aid, which may not be deemed by themselves necessary and expedient. Should Corresponding Committees be prompt and faith-

ful in the discharge of their duty, as it is hoped they will be, they will soon become intimately acquainted with the location, wants, and ablities of all the missionary stations, and feeble congregations within their bounds, and by communicating the results of their inquiries to the Assembly's Board, they will afford them essential aid in coming to correct and satisfactory decisions, respecting the various claims which may be made upon them for assistance. In this way, also, the number of Missionaries, in the several Presbyteries may be greatly increased, and the appointment of inefficient or unworthy men may be avoided. In view of these, and many other considerations which will naturally occur to the minds of all who seriously reflect upon this subject, it is earnestly hoped, that Presbyteries will avail themselves of the earliest opportunity to appoint Corresponding Executive Committees, and that they will immediately forward to the Corresponding Secretary of the Assembly's Board, the names and residences of the several members of said Committees.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Indiana.

In compliance with the earnest and importunate entreaties of several feeble congregations in this state, the Board have recently appointed three additional missionaries, for one year each, and a fourth for a short period. Although the cause of truth and righteousness is gradually advancing, yet the spiritual wants of the people in general are truly distressing. On this subject, a respectable clergyman of this state, under date of Nov. 5th, 1829, writes to the Corresponding Secretary as follows:—

"I think, brother, that the cause of the Presbyterian church is gaining in this state. More ministers are becoming located, and the churches are increasing in members. But many parts, and extensive parts of our state, are in a deplorably destitute condition, as to the gospel ministry. Away from the place of my residence, there is no resident Presbyterian minister nearer than fifty miles. And on some sides the nearest is eighty and one hundred miles distant from this place, and the country is generally settled. I am in the Missionary employ, by the Missionary Society of Connecticut. But it is only a few spots of this wide range that I can occupy. I trust your Board will feel for souls, and for the church in this needy field, and send help."

Missouri.

The following remarks, of a Missionary of the Board in this State, are extracted from a letter addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, under date of Aug. 31, 1829. Although applied, by the writer, to his own particular field of labour, they may with equal truth and propriety be applied to most of the Missionary stations at the South and West, and are worthy of the serious attention of all who would be extensively useful as Missionaries in those sections of country:

"I am fully convinced that the most effectual way to benefit this people, is by free intercourse with them, and gradually gaining their confidence. Sociability is one of their most prominent characteristics. Reserve they cannot, and will not tolerate. Accessibility, freedom of conception and expression, is the "order of the day." And he, who will break to them the bread of life, is expected frequently to mingle in the family circle, not only of the members of the church, but also of those who take no interest in these things. He is a kind of common property. This state of things makes a heavy draw on the little time which a missionary can devote to meditation and study—but still it is not without its advantages. He becomes better acquainted with the people; can better enter into their views and feelings, and is, consequently, enabled better to adapt his public discourses to their necessities. And this very private and social intercourse, when properly improved, is what I suppose the apostle means by preaching "from house to house." Moreover, many, for the sake of consistency, are compelled to attend his preaching, who otherwise would seldom or never enter the house of *God*."

TENNESSEE.

The following communication, from a respectable clergyman in Gibson county, West District, was received at the office of the Board some time since. It presents in an affecting light, both the necessities and the claims of this section of the country, and we trust the appeal made to the sympathy and the charity of those who may be able to afford relief will not be in vain.—We are happy to state, that *two* Missionaries have already been sent by this Board to Tennessee, since this communication was received, but "what are these among so many?" Let Ministers of the Gospel, who are seeking for employment, and candidates for the Holy office, cast an eye over 17 populous counties in a single district, containing only *three* Presbyterian preachers, and then let each of them ask, on the bended knee, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" and let them act as the law of love requires. It will be seen that the christians who dwell amidst these wide spread moral desolations, much as they have to do at home, and pressing as is their need of help from others, have not been unmindful of the general claims of the Missionary cause upon them. They first present their own offering to the church, and then make their appeal to the church in behalf of the destitute around them.—This is, as it should be, and we hope the good example of the Shiloh church, will be imitated by many others in similar circumstances. The sum contributed is in itself small—but it is the free-will offering of a feeble, distant church, located in the very centre of a moral wilderness, where their religious privileges, and their pecuniary means are alike limited. "They have done what they could," and we doubt not, their humble offering has been followed by many prayers.

With such a scene as is here depicted full before them, and this, too, being only a specimen of the actual condition of *whole States and Territories* at the South and West, can christians, who abound in wealth, and dwell in these Eastern gardens of the Lord, find it in their hearts to withhold their charities and restrain their prayers? Shall our Missionary Treasuries remain *empty*, and our benevolent operations be impeded and suspended for want of means? Let the disciples of the Missionary from heaven read the statements and appeals of our venerable correspondent, and answer our inquiries by the increased fervour of their prayers, and the liberality of their contributions for the relief of the needy:—

To the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions.

Rev Sir,—The New Shiloh Church, Gibson county, West District, directed me to forward $5, to be at the disposal of the Board of Missions. It was thought that justice required us, to present to you the melancholy state of Zion here, (as respects the Presbyterian Church.) There are not less than 17 counties in the District. The climate mild, well adapted to the culture of cotton, an abundance of the most productive land. The prospect for health is tolerably good. Its navigable streams afford it advantages rarely to be found. The Tennessee runs through its Eastern bounds. The Mississippi bounds the West. The Forked-Deer, Hatchy, Obyen, Wolf and Looshatchy Rivers, afford interior navigation. Its population sustains a character superior to most new countries. Its emigration is rapid, several of the counties tolerably populous, and in this vast region only three Presbyterian Ministers.—The Rev. David Wier, a man of talents, but troubled by the white swelling, and a large helpless family, and is bound to teach school for a support.—The Rev. John Gillispie, quite an old man and rides but little,—and myself born out of due season, *i.e.* no pretensions to literature, and with all, at times a hæmmorrhage of the lungs, and considerably in the decline of life. There are six churches organized. There might be a number of other churches organized, could there be supplies granted. There is an increased and solemn attention to religion thoughout the District, and numbers raised Presbyterians, have joined other churches thro' necessity. In pecuniary matters we are much straitened. Much of our lands are held by men living at a distance: hence the money paid for lands is borne off. With regard to that active service the church requires, in order to its advancement, it appears that we are doing nothing. We want some leader. I have no doubt but an active agent might do much for Zion here.—I think an able, well qualified Missionary would be sustained here. The Methodist, Baptist, and Cumberland Presbyterians are entering the field.—This is a very important crisis to the church in this country. Sabbath schools

might be formed, and I think Missionary societies could be formed, if there were some active agents sent amongst us for that purpose. Dear sir, the cry for help is urgent in this section of country, as you may clearly see, and has been increased by the gracious out pouring of the Divine Spirit. In Shiloh church there were not less than40 professed, at a Camp Meeting in November last, and some since. They have a sabbath school for the black people, the most of whom have professed. We have a Sabbath school in Jackson where I now reside, it is well attended. There are but few in this country, yet I think the attention of the church is more turned to that valuable institution. I hope the Board of Missions will direct some of the Heralds of the Cross to come to the help of the Lord, in this desolate part of the vineyard.

Respectfully your Brother in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

KIND RECEPTION OF MISSIONARIES IN OHIO.

From many of the Missionaries who have been sent into this state, we have had from time to time, the most gratifying assurances of the unaffected kindness and cordiality with which they have been received by the people. The following extract, from a letter recently received by a member of the Board, from one of our highly esteemed Missionaries, may serve as a specimen of the manner in which they frequently write to us on this subject—and also to exhibit some of the prospects of personal comfort and usefulness which are presented before Missionaries, in this wide and interesting field of labour. It may not be amiss to state, that the writer of this letter, had formerly a pastoral charge in this vicinity, and might still have occupied an eligible situation at home—but the importunate cries of the needy reached his ear and affected his heart, and he deliberately chose to take his devoted companion, and enter into the Missionary field, with no other encouragement than a commission from this Board, and an assurance of the humble pittance of $100 a year. He is already reaping the rich reward of his enterprize and self denial—in the ingatherings of the first fruits of his labours,and in the gracious indications which are afforded of a plentiful harvest of immortal souls—and we doubt not, that he will have occasion for thanksgiving to God in time and in eternity, that he was permitted to build up one of the waste places of Zion. And will not others be encouraged to go, and do likewise?

The Missionary says:—

"We are here, and are happy;—happy in each other—in our people—and in our God. Our God has always been good to us, but never more so (to our apprehension) than at present. Our people are kind and affectioate almost to an excess. They cherish us with the dainties of their house—with the warmth of their hearts, and especially with the earnestness of their prayers.—They are very confident, many of them, that we are sent to them of God, in answer to their prayers for a minister; they accordingly open the way for all the usefulness of which we are capable. We have been able to form four or five Sunday schools, which are going on finely—have formed one church of 14 members in a county seat, and have added 13 to the communion of the church in H. where we reside. Our places of worship are well filled with attentive & sometimes weeping hearers; and altho' there is no general revival, yet such numbers are found anxious, that large additions to the church are expected to be soon made. May the Lord give us a heart to believe, and to labour, and then shall we be sure of his blessing.

The ministers among whom I have fallen, are as simple, fervent & downright a set of men as I ever saw. They have great zeal and a most blessed unction. It would do you good to hear them pray. "One will chase a thousand," for they "trust in God and are *strong*."

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Closing report of a Missionary who has been employed for the year past in this state, dated Statesville, N. C. Nov. 14, 1829.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—In presenting this, my last report, I would say, when I survey the wide spread moral desolation of these western counties, I lament that so little has been done; but surely we have great reason to rejoice that even something, as we trust of eternal importance, has been effected. Since my last report, I have delivered 12 discourses, visited 27 families, distributed a number of tracts, and travelled 165

miles. The Presbyterian churches, in the counties which have been the scene of my labors, have increased in numbers and importance, and in the spirit of the gospel; and are becoming more and more firmly fixed. The churches of Nazareth, Fairview, and Friendship, S. C. where I spent a part of last spring, previously to my engagement with the Board of Missions, and which I have visited twice since, are enjoying a delightful revival. Forty seven have been recently added to the church at Fairview, Greenville District. I have been able to collect for the Board only $35 00, viz: from Morgantown congregation, $18 00; Concord, $5 00; Sherrills, $4 15; Friendship, S. C. $3 62½; the balance from individuals. To this I give $5 00 as a donation. This makes $40 00 I hold for the Missionary Board. The reasons why I could collect no more, are the following: 1. Rutherford and Burke counties have each lately resolved to supply all their destitute with the holy scriptures, in two years from last May. This will devolve principally on the Presbyterians in those counties. 2. The Young Men's Missionary Society of Concord Presbytery, which has supported a Missionary the last sixteen months in Burke county, at their last anniversary resolved to raise one thousand dollars, for the purpose of supplying, in part, the destitute in the bounds of the Presbytery with the preaching of the Gospel. This is certainly considerable for this society, just struggling into existence. You will perceive from my reports, that I have spent the most of my time in assisting my brethren at communions, and preaching in their congregations. The reason is, their peculiar situation. Here are three large and populous counties, with each only one Presbyterian minister. These brethren divide their labors among a number of congregations, insomuch that they appear to perform the work rather of missionaries than of pastors.—And it is thought more advisable to strengthen and build up feeble churches than to organize new ones, when there is no probability of supplying them.

I cannot close this report without laying before the Board (and would that I could lay it before every student of theology) the moral destitution of some of the western counties of North Carolina. I know, however, that such appeals have been multiplied until those "who prefer Jerusalem above their chief joy," often "weep in secret places" for the want of resources to relieve those who are "perishing for the lack of knowledge;" while the parsimonious hand of others only adds another knot to their purse strings. I have hinted at the situation of Rutherford, Burke and Lincoln counties; but they are far from being the worst. West of Burke, lies Buncombe. In this county are five or six small congregations, supplied at present by two ministers, who are, however, by no means permanently settled. Still west of Buncombe are two other counties, viz: Haywood and Macon, never yet, as far as I know, visited by a Presbyterian clergyman. Northeast of Buncombe and Burke, are Wilkes, Ash, Surry, Stokes, Rockingham and Davidson counties, lying contiguous, and in all this vast extent of country, stretching along the north western part of North Carolina, 300 miles in length, and nearly one hundred in breadth, there are but three small Presbyterian congregations, and but one minister, the Rev. A. W. Gay, who preaches in Wilkes, and teaches a school for support.

But, perhaps, I may be told, that these counties are supplied by other denominations. By whom? I would ask. The Baptists? They have, it is true, a few preachers living in these counties, but some of them cannot read; and others, though doing some good, yet either from necessity or custom preach to the same people, only once a month. Are these people supplied? But are they supplied by the Methodists? Their circuit-riders go round once in two, three, or perhaps, four weeks. But a large portion of the territory over which they travel, they can visit only on week days, when generally but very few, except the members of class attend. And this as we have remarked, only once in two, three, or four weeks. Besides they have a few local preachers. Now, I would ask, are these people supplied with spiritual food? It is believed that one half, perhaps more, do not hear a sermon once a month; perhaps not once in three months or more! Yet it has been said not two years ago, that one of the counties mentioned above was well supplied; when at the same time there must have been, at a moderate calculation, (judging from neighboring counties which have been explored,) three or four hundred families destitute of the Bible in this very county, notwithstanding it is published from Boston to New Orleans, that they are well supplied. But I forbear. Let us, while we send the "Macedonian" cry abroad, "pray the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth more laborers into his

harvest." And rest not until the "kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ."

MARYLAND.

Extracts from a report of the Rev. A. O. Hubbard, dated Taneytown, Md. Nov. 24, 1829.

"A few days ago the secretary of our small auxiliary forwarded to your treasurer about $35. It is intended to make up at least $40 for the year; and it is believed that our Society will be able hereafter to remit you at least $30 annually.

"My church in this place is small; but then it has this redeeming quality, it is an *active* one, exhibiting, I trust, in some good degree, a practical illustration of the precept, "Not by power, nor by might, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Not only its members, but several families in this, and in one of the other congregations would, exert themselves to the utmost to support a Presbyterian minister in this place. It is probable that the two congregations would be able to raise at least $200 annually, apart from the contribution to your Society.

"Of this section of our country, it may be emphatically said, "The harvest is great, and the laborers few." We are permitted, however, to rejoice in the fact, that this State is, on the whole, improving, and that amid the vast moral wastes which meet the eye, and excite the sympathies of the beholder, occasionally "a garden smiles." Some are beginning to awake from their long slumbers, and to catch the spirit of the age. We have in this vicinity a few active and devoted Christians—a few, who, like their more favored brethren, are anxiously "waiting for the consolation of Israel."

"I have nothing of special interest to communicate at the present time. I might, however, remark, that some of my late meetings have been very solemn, and that some deep impressions appear to have been made. Little as I have been the means of accomplishing during the past year, I have not, I am conscious, labored altogether in vain."

PENNSYLVANIA.

Extract from a Report of a Missionary in the county of Huntingdon, dated Nov. 30, 1829.

"In looking over the field of my labours, I see many things to deplore, and some things to encourage to renewed exertion. In particular, intemperance which was a growing evil in this region until lately, is now, if not on the decline, yet at a stand. This subject I have brought before the people, and exposed the complicated evils resulting from the use of ardent spirits; my labour has not been in vain. I am happy to state that one person, a member of the Church, who was given to this habit, is restored to sobriety, and one grog-shop has had its sales abridged one-third, as I am credibly informed by one who had it from the retailer. Yet this evil prevails to a fearful extent. Light will suppress the abominable sin.

The moral aspect of the people among whom I minister, is much more pleasing than at my first coming, and though I have not as I know, had the pleasure of witnessing any struggling in the pangs of the new birth; yet there is reason to justify the opinion that the sacred seed is silently taking root. There is an increased attention to the means of grace, and an increased degree of solemnity in time of worship. May He who alone can give the increase, bedew the soil with his heavenly blessing, and cause the seed to vegetate and bring forth much fruit, to the praise of the glory of his grace.

Extracts from a report of the Rev. Burr Baldwin, a Missionary of the Board in the north eastern part of this state, dated Nov. 10, 1829.

Divisions in a feeble church healed.

"Second Sabbath in Aug.—preached at Middletown. Here is a small church, consisting of about twenty members, which have till recently been in a most deplorable state. The division in the church had become so great as to threaten its very existence. The members thought it impracticable ever to adjust their difficulties. But through the kind interposition of heaven, my efforts to effect this desirable object were crowned with success. This was done in April last. On my return from the east, I visited them as I have stated, and found them in a state of harmony and union, which had been increasing since I left them. Attended three services on the Sabbath.

From this time there was an intermission of my labors for two or three weeks.

A church finished and serious attention awakened.

"Resumed my mission, and spent the 2d Sabbath in September in Bethel. In this place they have just completed

their meeting-house, which has been in an unfinished state for about 12 years. I have repeatedly passed this church, but never before tarried to preach in it; but have had a desire to do it whenever it should suit my convenience. A favorable opportunity now presented, and I embraced it, and we had a season in the sanctuary that appeared to be quickening to the people of God. Impressions were made, I trust, that will be permanent. Some desires were awakened for a revival of religion, which had never been witnessed in the place since its settlement. During the week following, attended the meeting of Presbytery.

Beginning of a Revival.

"The 3d Sabbath in September was spent in Brooklyn, but in consequence of the rain, but few attended; and although an appointment was given out for a meeting in the evening, yet on account of the storm there was no service. In the morning I addressed an interesting group of Sabbath school children—appointed a prayer meeting during the week, but the stormy weather prevented the people from coming together.

The 4th Sabbath in September was spent also in Brooklyn. Addressed the Sabbath school in the morning, it being the last time that the school would be held till it should open in the spring.—The season was solemn, and some of the children seemed impressed, that perhaps death might invade their number before they should meet again. Preached twice during the day at the usual place of meeting, and took up a collection of $2 36. Appointed a third service for the evening, in a neighborhood about two miles distant. It was thought by some that but few would convene, as the people in that vicinity were very remiss in attending meetings. One of the elders remarked to me, you are now going to the place where Satan's seat is. To the disappointment of all, the inhabitants flocked together and filled a large room. The season was very solemn, and numbers were awakened—others went away offended. Both the heads of the family, where the meeting was held, appeared to be deeply impressed. On Monday, visited a number of families, and found two or three persons under serious impressions. Appointed a prayer meeting in this neighborhood, which was fully attended. During the service, the man and his wife before mentioned, became so overwhelmed with a sense of their sins, that they sobbed aloud. After some conversation, at the close of the exercises, they returned home, and at a late hour retired for rest, but found no rest to their souls, till they found it in believing in Jesus. The family altar was soon erected in their house, and both of these persons now give satisfactory evidence of a gracious change. Dr. M. brother to the man alluded to, is considerably impressed. His wife, who was awakened before her marriage two or three years since, and whose mind has been afflicted with the melancholy impression that she had committed the unpardonable sin, now indulges a gleam of hope, and her mind has become, in a degree, tranquil and serene. Two other brothers of the same family are quite serious. A widow lady, in this neighborhood, during the week, has expressed a hope of an interest in Christ. About the middle of the week, I returned home to visit my family, and a Methodist minister, in the mean time, hearing of the attention in this neighborhood, appointed a number of meetings, visited all the families where any seriousness appeared, sold or lent his book of discipline to a number of persons. On my return, I found the minds of some were considerably agitated in regard to certain doctrines.

As the state of things in Brooklyn is so interesting, I have concluded to labor here altogether for the present.

1st Sabbath in October—Preached twice during the day, and took up a collection of $1 63 cents. Lectured in the evening. The audience in the afternoon was peculiarly attentive and solemn.—The truth appeared to be accompanied with the demonstration of the Spirit.—On the day following, attended the monthly concert of prayer. Most of the members of the church were present. After the prayer meeting was closed, we held a church conference, and an inquiry was made of each individual respecting the state of his mind; the time spent in this exercise seemed very profitable. Most of the church appear somewhat aroused from their lethargy. Attended a lecture during the week. In my visits, I ascertained that some others were seriously impressed, whose cases I had not heard of before; and the good work is evidently increasing and extending into other parts of the town. Conversed with two heads of families on the subject of family prayer, and they have come to the determination of erecting a family altar in their houses.

A dying daughter's warning to her aged father.

"The young physician whom I have

mentioned, together with his three brothers, now indulge a hope. Their sister has just died in the triumphs of faith. On her dying bed, she sent an urgent request to her aged father, that he would search again, and see whether the doctrine of universal salvation is taught in the Bible, saying that she wished him to be told that she had found it a crumbling basis for a dying sinner to build his heavenly hopes upon. These brothers for years have advocated the doctrine of Universalism, but have now renounced it as a delusion of the arch deceiver. Their change of sentiment has created some alarm among their former associates. And if I mistake not, there are numbers in this place who begin to question the truth of their system.

2d Sabbath in October—Attended two services in the day time, and a prayer meeting in the evening. The weather was extremely unpleasant and stormy. On Monday evening attended a prayer meeting at Mr. G's. It was a solemn and interesting meeting. At the close, I requested those desirous to converse on the subject of religion, to tarry a few moments, when every individual present took their seats. I then commenced a conversation with every person present, excepting those I had conversed with previously. At this meeting, I found three or four others under conviction, that I had not before heard of.

Visited on Tuesday—Found two families where my visits were attended evidently with a divine blessing. Preached in the evening. On Wednesday I intended to have visited, but ill-health prevented. Lectured in the evening at Mr. B's.

A Universalist Church opened to a Presbyterian Missionary.

3d Sabbath in October.—As the Methodists had made an appointment at our usual place of meeting, the Universalists permitted us to occupy their house of worship. Numbers were present who have rarely been seen at a Presbyterian meeting, and appeared serious. In the evening preached to the young people. The house was crowded to overflowing. It was a solemn season, and one of great interest. Took up a collection during the day of $1 58.—Visited on Monday. On Tuesday I met a number of the church at Deacon G's. for fasting and prayer. It was a profitable service, I trust, to us all. The sisters, in giving a relation of their experience, spoke with much feeling.

During my labors in this place, I have circulated a large parcel of religious tracts, some of which have been attended with evident benefit, and I believe have been the means of awakening, or at least, of deepening religious impressions which had been previously made. Particularly I have taken pains to circulate Kittredge's Address, and Humphrey's Parallel, in order to prepare the way, before I leave the place, for forming a Temperance Society.

4th Sabbath in October—Preached twice during the day, but on account of the illness of my family, was obliged to return home in the evening, without attending a third service. Preached on Tuesday evening in a school-house, in the centre of the place, and on Wednesday evening in the neighborhood, where the excitement commenced. On Friday the session met at 11 o'clock, on business, and the church at 10 o'clock, for humiliation and prayer. A considerable excitement is manifest among the members of the church, but there is not that deep feeling, nor those agonizing desires that are desirable. In the evening attended an interesting prayer meeting at Mr. C's.

Stumbling blocks in the way of young converts.

Let those who pay "tithes of mint, and annis, and cummin," and those *members of the church* especially, who are advocates for "*strong drink*," attentively consider the distressing facts which follow, and let them take home to themselves the solemn warnings which such facts afford!

"1st Sabbath in November—Preached three times at the school-house, the usual place of preaching. On Monday, visited a number of families. In one of these families, I found two of the young converts embarrassed in their minds, on the subject of baptism. And here I would observe that a missionary, amid the joys of harvest, is called sometimes to conflict with distressing trials, arising from difference of sentiment respecting modes and forms and doctrines.

This day I have conversed with six of the young converts. One is troubled in his mind about infant baptism, another about the mode, a third about the doctrines. A fourth hesitates about coming forward to unite with the church, because some of the elders advocate drinking whiskey. On account of these difficulties and embarrassments, none will probably offer themselves for examination before session for the present.

Attended the monthly concert of prayer in the evening. The brethren appeared to be unusually engaged.—

Some were present who were never before seen at a prayer meeting. A man and his wife, in this neighborhood, where the prayer meeting was held, have hitherto been inclining to Universalism, but have of late, appeared very serious, and the woman begins to indulge a hope.

A new church completed.

"Through the spirited efforts of the Presbyterian church in this place, a house of public worship was raised last summer, and is just completed. On Friday I had the pleasure of dedicating it to the worship of Almighty God. This church, so many years without a stated place of worship, appeared to feel the joy of the children of Israel when the ark was recovered from the Philistines, and had obtained a settled residence in their own land. They begin to feel also more desirous than even to obtain a settled minister.

A Temperance Society formed.

"On Friday evening a meeting was appointed to form a Temperance Society, and a large congregation convened. The whole evening, till 9 o'clock, was spent in reading various publications and documents on the subject of Temperance. The audience listened with intense interest. At the close of the service, a constitution was submitted, signed by twenty-six individuals, and a society was organized. Great fears were entertained before the meeting, about the success of the object, for some of the principle men in the church were opposed to the Temperance Society, or had spoken of it in a light manner. And if such men should refuse to enrol their names as members, it was apprehended that it would act as a discouragement to others. Besides, one of the deacons and elders of the church thought the agitation of this subject would kill the spirit of the revival. But through the good hand of God upon us, we even prospered beyond our expectation, and it is believed that a most happy influence has already begun to pervade the community, in consequence of these efforts in the Temperance cause. The three retailers in ardent spirits (shameful to relate, they are all professing christians) have promised to vend no more ardent spirits, after they have sold out the supply which they have on hand.

2d Sabbath in November.—For the first time, on this Sabbath, the church in this place enjoyed the pleasure of meeting in a temple dedicated to the worship of Almighty God. Though the weather was unfavorable, yet the congregation was respectable and almost every church member was present.—The communion season was truly refreshing. A collection was taken up amounting to $2 50.

Though the good work has not appeared to progress for two or three weeks past, yet there have been some indications to-day that the seriousness is increasing. Some professed Universalists, who have been as decided as any in the place, were out on the Sabbath, who have not been seen for years, till recently, at a Presbyterian meeting.—There are numbers, I believe, who have clung to Universalism, whose fears of late have been awakened, that this doctrine will not stand the test of the great day. The prospect of good being done here is therefore favorable."

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Extracts from a report of the Rev. D. C. Allen, dated Marysville, Union county, Ohio, Nov. 16, 1829.

"Since my last report, my time has been much occupied, in preaching to my several congregations on the Sabbath, and frequently on other days; in attending prayer meetings and Bible classes; in visiting the sick and others; and in scattering about religious tracts, newspapers, &c. During this time, I have formed two churches, and administered the Lord's supper in four different congregations. These seasons were all marked with some considerable interest. May the Lord greatly bless them.

I will now give you some extracts from my Journal, accompanied with occasional remarks.

A church organized.

"Sept. 9. In the afternoon, went to Marysville, to organize a church. Two elders from Upper Liberty congregation and myself, examined thirteen candidates for church membership, and received eleven. Four of these had not made public profession, and seven were from other churches. At night, preached a sermon, baptized one adult, organized a church, and ordained two ruling Elders. The meeting was pretty well attended. May the Lord bless and own this little vine, as one of his own right hand's planting. This is the county seat of Union, and it was highly important that a church should have an early existence here, as the village is forming its character. The Methodists had been operating here for some time. Their number is yet small.

Sabbath 13th. Administered the Lord's supper in Upper Liberty, to about seventy-five persons. Two new members received at this time. The house was full of people. Some unable to get seats.

A solemn warning to the profane.

"19th. To-day, a man was thrown from his horse while running a race, near Milford, in this county, and nearly killed!

21st. The man who was thrown from his horse on Saturday, is still alive, but very much injured. This man is about 45 or 50 years of age, and notoriously wicked. As he was mounting his horse for the race, he uttered a speech too shocking for repetition. He started; his horse soon ran out of the path and threw him against a tree. He was taken up nearly lifeless. Medical aid was soon present, and while the physician was bleeding him, he cursed him, and inquired if he was going to kill him? Although a professed Universalist, he called mightily upon the Lord for mercy.

This horse race was on "a muster day!" The Lord hasten on the day, when those silly and unprofitable musters shall be abandoned, and when the prediction shall be fulfilled, that "Nations shall learn war no more!" There have been several deaths by racing, within the bounds of my labors, in the course of a few years past.

Another church organized.

"26th. Went to London—preached once. In the afternoon, held a meeting for the examination of candidates for a church. Twenty persons were present, and were all received. Two persons were nominated for Ruling Elders.—Three Elders from the two Liberty congregations were with me. I endeavored to obtain other assistance, but failed at two different appointments. At length I concluded to go on with the responsible and serious undertaking with the assistance of three Elders.

"Sabbath, 27th. In the morning, the Session met, and examined and received one other person. Preached once today. After the discourse, baptized two adults, constituted a church of 21 members, viz. 8 males and 13 females, (8 on profession and 13 from other churches) and ordained two Ruling Elders. After a short intermission, the congregation again assembled, when four infants were baptized, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to 30 persons. A number of professors had lived several years without having the privilege of commemorating the death and sufferings of their divine Redeemer! One man came on foot 8 or 10 miles, and sat down at the table with the professed followers of Jesus. He told me he had not had an opportunity to commune for four years. The assembly was large and quite attentive. May the great Head of the church bless the occasion to many precious souls, and water this little vine, and make it flourishing and fruitful. London is the county seat of Madison county. But two Presbyterian members live in the village.

The cause of Temperance advancing.

"29th. Preached in Marysville at night on the subject of Temperance.—Pretty good number out. Among them were some intemperate people. May the Lord favor the cause of Temperance. One intemperate man walked about the house with anger. Several persons here have drawn up resolutions in favor of Temperance, and annexed their signatures to them. I hope a Temperance society will be formed soon. One store has been commenced without any spirits, and one merchant has resolved to purchase no more.

Oct. 9th. This day has been observed as a day of fasting and prayer, in the church of Lower Liberty. After preaching, held a church meeting, which was rather interesting. Some good feeling was manifested among the members, in view of unfaithfulness.

Sabbath, 11th. Administered the sacrament in Lower Liberty to 65 or 70 persons. Three persons received.

12th. Preached to-day at Lower Liberty. A good number out, and considerable feeling manifested.

16th. The church session met to-day in Marysville, and received four persons to the church, one from another church, and three on profession. In a prayer meeting at night, the three latter publicly entered into covenant with God.—One of these received baptism.

Arrangements made for erecting a church.

"26th. Attended a meeting of the congregation of Upper Liberty, to consult about erecting a new meeting-house. They agreed on building, near to Milford village, a frame house, 35 by 45, without galleries, according to a plan exhibited. A subscription paper has since been drawn up, and about $200 subscribed.

Nov. 2. Attended monthly concert this evening at Lower Liberty. The night was wet, but we had a pleasant

meeting. I proposed a collection for the first time, and one dollar was obtained for the poor heathen.

Notice to New Subscribers.

In consequence of the rapid increase of Subscribers to this work, we are unable at present to furnish our new subscribers with all the back numbers. In the course of a few days, however, the first three numbers will be *re-printed*, and forwarded to subscribers. As the work is published in numbers calculated for binding at the end of each year, and furnished at a very low price, it will be expected of all new subscribers that they take it from the commencement. We shall hereafter print 5,000 copies, and shall very soon be able, without delay, to comply with all orders for the back numbers.

☞All persons who have the names of new subscribers are requested to forward them immediately.

Notice to Auxiliaries and Agents.

As the Treasury of the Board of Missions has already been over-drawn, to the amount of nearly two thousand dollars, and as the Board have more or less engagements to meet with their missionaries almost every week, it is very desirable and important that remittances of all monies, collected for the use of the Board, should be made promptly. It is therefore earnestly requested of Auxiliary Societies, and of all Agents, and of other persons who have been authorized to receive monies for the Board, that they forward the same, as soon as may be practicable, to our Treasurer, Solomon Allen, Esq. No. 18, South Third street, Philadelphia. Congregations and individuals, who may find it most convenient to place their contributions in the hands of persons authorized by Presbyteries, or by this Board, to receive them, can do so, with the request, that they may be immediately remitted to our Treasurer.

☞In the reports which may hereafter be made of New Auxiliaries, the *names* of members are not desired, as it is deemed inexpedient to publish them. But we wish special care to be taken in giving the *number* of members, and the whole *amount* received.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS.

Rev. E. W. Caruthers, Agent, 4 months to North and South Carolina and Georgia.

Rev. John F. Cowan, 1 year to Missouri.

Rev. Samuel H. M'Nutt, 1 year to Rockville, Parke county, and to adjacent counties, Indiana.

Mr. John Pumroy, 1 year to the congregations of Harmony and Carmel, N. C.

Rev. Thomas Archibald, 1 year to the congregations of Hamilton and Unity, and adjacent country, Mississippi.

Rev. Joseph Myers, 1 year to the congregation of Brockport, Monroe county, N. Y.

Rev. John Lodor, 6 months to Woodstock, and two adjoining congregations, Va.

Mr. P. H. Fullinwider, 1 year in the Presbytery of Mississippi.

Rev. Robert Hall, 1 year to Warrenton, Fauquier county, and Culpepper co. Va.

Rev. James H. Monroe, 1 year to Lorraine, Jefferson county, N. Y.

Mr. James Campbell, 1 year to Kittaning and Crooked Creek, Pa.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

J. Anderson 2, Pa., J. T. Field 2, N. J.; W. Quillin, N. C.; W. C. Anderson, N. C.; R. A. Lapsley, Ky.; P. H. Fullinwider 2, N. J.; J. Reed, Indiana; A. Alexander 4, N. J.; E. Washburn, Ohio; G. Potts, and T. Archibald, Mississippi; J. E. Annan, Md.; G. G. Sill 2, N. Y.; Trustees of Brockport Congregation, N. Y.; W. Nesbit, Pa.; W. M. Carmichael, N. Y.; M. P. Squier, N. Y.; S. Montgomery, Pa.; A. Dayton, N. Y.; J. Monteith, Pa.; S. Wolf, Ohio, T. Barr, Ohio; S. Sturgeon, Pa.; R. M. Laird, Md.; D. Humphreys, S. C.; G. W. Ashbridge, Alabama; H. Van Deman, Ohio; S. M'Farren, Pa.; A. Aikman, Geo.; G. W. Warner, Ohio; J. R. Boyd, N. Y.; W. Brobston, N. C.; W. Baird, Pa.; G. W. Bethune, N. Y.; B. M'Dowell, N. J.; J. A. Ogden, Indiana; R. G. Lynn, Ohio; J. Breed, N. Y.; A. W. Poage, Ohio; J. R. Huchison, Ky.; J. D. Hughes, Ohio; S. Goodell, N. Y.; R. B. Campfield, Md.; J. Talmage, Geo.; J. R. Talmage, Geo.; W. Hill, Va.; A. D. Montgomery, Va.; A. G. Dauby, N. Y.; J. Gray, Pa.; M. P. Moore, Pa.; W. Neill, Pa.; E. C. Hutchinson, Va.; Elders of the 1st Presbyterian Church, Mendon, N. Y.; H. Camps, N. Y.; J. H. Gray, Alabama; W. Jeffery, Pa.; R. B. Campfield, jr. Md., Trustees of the Congregations of Andover and Greenwood, N. Y.; J. B. M'Creary, Pa.; W. R. De Witt, Pa.; C. Wait, N. Y.; J. Hart, N. Y

ACCOUNT OF CASH RECEIVED

By the Board of Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, from the 1st to the 31st of December, 1829.

Allen Township, Pa. Avails of the Ladies' Sewing Society, per Rev. Alexander Heberton			$ 15 00
Bedford, West Chester county, N. Y. Donation from a friend to the cause			0 38
Bridgeton, N. J. Additional collection from Auxiliary Society			6 50
Concord, N. C. Collection in Presbyterian Church, per Rev. Mr. Quillin			5 00
Cambridge, Ohio, From Auxiliary Society, per Rev. T. Barr			0 75
Easton, Pa. Monthly Concert collection in Presbyterian Church, per Rev. J. Gray	$ 10 00		
Do. From Miss Eliza Davis, avails of Missionary work	2 00		
Do. Auxiliary Society	38 00		
			50 00
Friendship, S. C. Collection in Presbyterian Church, per Rev. Mr. Quillin			3 63
Greenwich, N. J. Additional col. do. do.			5 00
George's Creek, Pa. Collection do. do. per Mr. A. G. Fairchild			10 00
Hopewell, Pa. Donation from E. P. a member of the Congregation under the pastoral car of the Rev. Dr. Cathcart			5 00
Jonathan's Creek, Ohio, Collection in Presbyterian Church, after communion, per Rev. J. E. Annan			2 75
Morgantown, N. C. Collection in Presby'n Church, per Rev. Mr. Quillin	18 00		
Do. do. do. from individuals, per do.	4 22		
Do. do. Donation from Rev. Mr. Quillin	5 00		
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M'Connellsville, Ohio, From Auxiliary Society, per Rev. T. Barr			5 19
Martinsburgh, Ohio, From do. per do.			7 50
Mount Vernon, Ohio, From do. per do.			7 13
Newton, Ohio, From do. per Rev. J. E. Annan			1 50
New Lancaster, Ohio, From do. per Rev. T. Barr			25 50
Norwich, Ohio, From do. per do.			1 00
Newark, Ohio, From do. per do.			1 00
Newark, N. J. Additional collection from Auxiliary Society of the Third Presbyterian Church, per Rev. J. T. Russell			42 50
New York, N. Y. From Mr. Moses Allen, his subscription for 1829			100 00
North Chili, N. Y. Donation from Mr. L. Campbell, per Rev. G. G. Sill			4 50
Philadelphia, Pa. Legacy from the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Wittenberg, for the instruction of Indian children, by her daughter, Mrs. Mary Cornell	192 00		
Do. do. James Kerr, his subscription for 1829,	100 00		
Do. do. Collection at Monthly Concert, in Sixth Presbyterian Church	10 40		
Do. do. Donation from Mrs. C. M. Latta	0 50		
Do. do. do. from Mr. William F. Geddes	4 32		
			307 22
Princess Ann, Md. Donation from Miss Sally E. Jones			5 00
Sherrills, N. C. Collection in Presbyterian Church, per Rev. Mr. Quillin			4 15
Somerset, Ohio, Collection in Presbyterian Church, after communion, per Rev. J. E. Annan,			5 75
Do. Sundry Collections, per Rev. E. Washburn			37 06
Do. From Auxiliary Society, per Rev. T. Barr			7 50
St. Mary's, Geo. From Rev. H. S. Pratt, his subscription for 1829			100 00
Senecaville, Ohio, From Auxiliary Society, per Rev. T. Barr			2 81
Turboro', N. C. Collections per Rev. D. C. Allen			21 00
Thornville, Ohio, From Auxiliary Society, per Rev. T. Barr			3 50
Unity, Ohio, do. per do.			5 50
Walsh's settlement, Ohio, do. per do.			0 75
Washington, Ohio, do. per do.			8 81
Zanesville & Putnam, Ohio, do. per do.			34 75
Mount Vernon, Ohio, From J. Johnson and family			1 56
Missionary Reporter, From sundry subscribers			132 00
			$ 1,004 41

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THE
EDUCATION REGISTER.

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ATTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE SUBJECT OF EDUCATION.

Next May will be *twenty-five* years since the General Assembly gave a serious and particular attention to this subject. By an able paper, written by a venerable minister, to whom the Presbyterian church is deeply indebted, the consideration of our highest judicature was turned to the lamentable deficiency of ministers in regard to numbers, and the necessity of adopting speedily, efficient measures for supplying the wants of the church. The paper was sent down to the Presbyteries as an *overture*, on which, after due deliberation, they were required to report to the next Assembly.

RESULT.

On the reports of the Presbyteries, the committee who had examined them made a report as follows:

"The commissioners from all the Presbyteries represented in this Assembly, having been called to state the opinion entertained by their respective Presbyteries, on this subject, it appeared, that the overture had been seriously considered and highly approved, by the most of them; that some Presbyteries had long been in the habit of using the measures contemplated in the overture, for bringing forward youth of piety and talents, as candidates for the gospel ministry; and that others had adopted and organized such measures within the last year, and in consequence of the overture under consideration.

After maturely deliberating, the Assembly determined, that *the part of the overture which relates to the selection and education of young men of piety and talents for the gospel ministry*, presents a plan, which they consider as well deserving their countenance and support. It is indeed an obvious and melancholy fact, that the candidates for the gospel ministry, within the bounds of the Presbyterian church at present, are greatly disproportionate to the demand which is made for their services; and that the rapid increase of vacant congregations, taken in connexion with the youth who are studying for the ministry, presents a most gloomy prospect of what is likely to be the state of our church in a few years, if prompt and effectual measure be not taken to furnish a supply of ministers, much greater than the existing state of things is like to produce. The Assembly were indeed deeply affected by the view which they had taken of this subject, and were extremely solicitous to adopt the most efficient measures which circumstances permit, to remedy the evil which exists, and to prevent its augmentation. But, as the Presbyteries of which the Assembly have the oversight, are scattered over a wide extent of country, and their circumstances are known to be extremely various, it occurred, that *an absolute injunction* on all the Presbyteries, immediately to enter on the execution of the plan proposed, might bear hard on some, if not be entirely incapable of execution. On the other hand, *merely to recommend* an attention to the plan, without attaching any responsibility to the neglect of the recommendation, appeared to the Assembly incompatible with the high importance of the subject, and with their own duty as the guardians of the church, bound especially to provide for their people a supply of the word of life. It was therefore determined to take a *middle course* between these extremes, so as, if possible, to avoid the inconvenience of both.—With this in view, it was resolved to recommend, *and the Assembly do hereby most earnestly recommend*, to every Presbytery under their care, to use their utmost endeavours to increase, by all suitable means in their power, the number of promising candidates for the holy ministry—to press it upon the parents of pious youth, to educate them for the church, and on the youth themselves, to devote their talents and their lives to this sacred calling—to make vigorous exertions to raise funds to assist all the youth who may need assistance—to be careful that the youth whom they take on their funds, give such evidence as the nature of the case admits, that they possess both *talents and piety*—to inspect the education of these youth during the course both of their academical and theological studies; choosing for them such schools, seminaries, and teachers, as each Presbytery may judge most proper and advantageous, so as eventually to bring them into the ministry, well furnished for their work:—and the Assembly do hereby order, that every Presbytery under their care, make, annually, a report to the Assembly, stat-

ing particularly what they have done in this concern, or why (if the case so shall be) they have done nothing in it; —and the Assembly will, when these reports are received, consider each distinctly, and decide by vote, whether the Presbyteries severally shall be considered as having discharged, or neglected their duty, in this important business."

CONTINUED ATTENTION TO THIS SUBJECT.

On the above plan the General Assembly continued to act, and yearly to inquire of the representatives of the different Presbyteries what they had done, in relation to this important concern, and to decide by a formal vote, whether the Presbyteries had done their duty or not. This procedure had unquestionably a favorable effect. The inferior judicatories were quickened in duty and zeal, funds were raised, pious young men, needing help, were sought out and found, and a considerable accession to the ministry was made, which, without these exertions, would not have been secured.—Thus the important business of education was conducted in the Presbyterian church, till the year 1819, when a change of circumstances indicated the propriety of adopting new measures, in hopes of securing more *merited* and *concentrated* efforts throughout our bounds.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

In the year 1819, the General Assembly constituted a Board of Education.

"Whereas the General Assembly forms the bond of union of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and affords the acknowledged means of combining the intelligence, and concentrating the efforts of that denomination: Whereas the present state of our country most loudly calls for increasing energy and zeal, in training young men for the ministry of the Gospel; and it has become necessary to originate new and more efficient measures, for carrying on this great and important work;to systematize and unite the efforts that are now making within our bound: And whereas it is desirable that a fund be established under the direction of the General Assembly, which among other objects, might afford asssitance to those Presbyterics and parts of the church that may require the same:—Therefore, *Resolved.*

1st. That the General Assembly establish a general Board of Education.

2d. That it be recommended that Boards of Education be formed within our bounds, auxiliary to the Board of the General Assembly, as extensively as possible.

3d. That it be recommended to the several Presbyteries to form themselves into Education Societies, auxiliary to the Board, and to adopt the most vigorous efforts to accomplish this important object.

For several years the Board had no funds, and merely received the reports of the Presbyteries and of auxiliary societies, and reported to the Assembly what was doing in the churches in the education cause.

The Board in 1825, aided 24 beneficiaries.
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RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

In 1829, the Board was re-organized on a plan which has appeared in the *Register*.

One article of the plan states, that the Board will require *no written obligation* from any beneficiary, but leave the refunding of monies received entirely to the conscience of each individual who may receive aid.—We have strong objections to written obligations or bonds, exacting re-payment from young men, who are dependant on others for assistance in procuring an education. We think it inconsistent with the character which the church sustains as a *moral parent* to her youth, to require such bonds as no parent would demand from his children. We believe such obligations tend to dispirit the minds of beneficiaries, while pursuing their studies. We are apprehensive that they present temptations to licentiates to look for situations where the salaries are large, rather than for retired situations where they may be most useful, at least in the first two years of their ministry. Considering what a scanty support is generally given to the ministry, we think that very few, without great embarrassment, would be able, in the course of six or seven years, to re-pay the money advanced.

The plan of the Board will, as already stated, leave the re-payment to every one's conscience, when, without denying to himself and family a decent support, he shall find himself able to refund the amount.

But it will be expected of our beneficiaries, after being licensed to preach the Gospel, to hold themselves in readiness, if invited by the Board of Missions, to per-

form, for a definite time, missionary labour in our destitute settlements. In this manner, the Board of Education will supply her sister Board with valuable missionaries; and our beneficiaries will be furnished with desirable employment, in which they may begin to exercise their gifts profitably both to themselves and to others. And thus too they will find a speedy opportunity of repaying the parental kindness of the Church, by carrying to her hungry children the bread of life, and watering her parched fields with the dew of heaven.

PROSPECTS OF THE BOARD.

The funds at the command of the Board are, as yet, far from being sufficient to meet the applications for assistance. The Board have, however, determined, in reliance on Divine Providence and the liberality of their fellow Christians, to assist *thirty-one* young men; and they hope, when the churches shall be aroused, to aid *five* or *ten times* that number annually. The Board of Missions, on its new plan of operation, is receiving the cordial co-operation of the churches; and we have no reason for doubting, in regard to the success of the Board of Education. In our last number, the reader will recollect that we gave a list of the Synods that have already shown a disposition to co-operate in the great business of educating our youth for the ministry. All who feel cordially attached to the creed and order of the Presbyterian church, will, on reflection, see that this is a business that ought not to be entrusted to foreign hands, but to be kept carefully under the inspection and superintendence of the General Assembly.

WORTHY OF IMITATION.

The following letter was received by Dr. Green.

Coshocton, Ohio, Dec. 2, 1829.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—Learning from the last number of the Missionary Reporter and Education Register, that numerous applications have been made to the Education Board, by young men, who were anxious to receive its aid; and that the Board, in consequence of its straitened situation in regard to funds, could not afford them that aid; a few individuals of the Presbyterian church in this town, have contributed twenty dollars for that Board. You will find the above sum enclosed, and will please to present it to the proper officer of that Board, that it may be employed in aiding that good work, which calls loudly for a *much, much* larger sum. Hoping that the zeal of many may be stirred up to cast their mites into the treasury of the Lord, with a view of preparing many laborers for our extensive harvest, and wishing you, and your Board, and the Board of Education, God speed,

I remain, Rev. and Dear Sir,
Your friend and servant,
JAMES RENFREW.

We publish the above in hopes that individuals in other places will do likewise. A little exertion on the part of our numerous friends, would send into our treasury large supplies of pecuniary aid, and enable us to increase greatly the list of our beneficiaries.

AN OFFER.

An individual, who already stands pledged, if his life be prolonged, to contribute $100 annually, for ten years, to the Education Board, offers to bind himself to pay for the year 1830, $200 additional; provided *nine* other persons will engage for the same year to pay *each* an equal sum. He makes this offer, because he believes that the present is a crisis that calls for particular exertions from the friends of Christ, and the church to which we belong.

Extract from a letter dated New York, Dec. 14, 1829.

"I send you a copy of the preamble and resolutions which were unanimously passed in our Synod, Oct. 23, 1829.

"Whereas the General Assembly, at their sessions in May last, did adopt measures designed to give greater efficiency to the operations of their Board of Education; and whereas, the said Board have appointed an Executive Committee and a General Agent, whose duty it is to visit the several Presbyteries, to endeavor to stir up the minds of the brethren on this subject, to seek out suitable young men to be elevated to the Gospel ministry, and place the same, with the approbation of the Presbytery to which the selected beneficiaries naturally belong, in some school, college or seminary, in which they may prosecute their studies—Therefore

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod do cordially approve the object of the Board of Education of the General Assembly, and also recommend it to the patronage of the Presbyteries and churches in our immediate connexion.

2. *Resolved*, That the Synod organize a Board, to be entitled, "The Board of

Education of the Synod of New York, auxiliary to the Board of Education of the General Assembly.

3. *Resolved*, That this Board shall consist of three ministers and three laymen from each Presbytery, to be chosen annually by the Synod.

4. *Resolved*, That the Board shall have power to form their own constitution and by-laws, and annually to appoint an executive committee, consisting of seven, three of whom shall be a quorum to do business.

5. *Resolved*, That the members of the executive committee may be elected from individuals belonging to churches under the care of this Synod, who are not members of the Board, but who, after their election, shall be ex-officio members.

The Board were accordingly chosen immediately by the Synod, and have since met and adopted a constitution."

We beg the attention of our readers to the following remarks of the Board, in an address published several years ago.

"Much has lately been done, and is still doing, for putting the Bible into the hands of all who are able to read it; and for teaching those to read it, to whom it has heretofore, on account of their ignorance, been a sealed book.—This is as it should be. Too much has not been done: nay, much remains to be done; and we should deprecate the idea of saying or doing any thing to lessen the exertions, or the zeal, manifested in dispersing far and wide the volume of inspiration. But we do verily believe that, as the human mind is apt to be engrossed by a favourite object, to the exclusion or neglect of other objects as important as that which it regards, so it has happened here. A zeal to disperse *the written word* has, with many, prevented a due concern and proper exertions to provide for *the preached word*. This is not as it ought to be. 'These things ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.' Let us never forget that the preaching of the word is the ordinary means instituted by God for giving efficacy to the truths of revelation. Those truths are reposited in the Bible. But in order to their practical and saving application, (always under the influence of that Holy Spirit, whose operations alone can render them effectual to salvation,) they must be drawn out of the Bible by the preacher of the gospel, and explained, inculcated and enforced by oral addresses.

"That this is the ordinary way in which revealed truth becomes the power of God unto salvation, is manifest from all experience, as well as from the scriptures themselves. Instances there no doubt are of individuals who have been converted unto God by merely reading the Bible; and it will ever be the delightful fountain from which the people of God will constantly and immediately draw the water of life, and the unerring test by which they will try every doctrine. But if an instance should occur, once in a century, of a religious awakening begun by reading the scriptures and other good books, we doubt if a single instance can be pointed out in which the good work has *proceeded far*, without the preaching of the word. Indeed, with very few exceptions, it is the preached word that both begins and carries on this work, *among the mass of the community.*"

RECEIPTS.

The Treasurer of the Education Board acknowledges the receipt of the following sums in December, 1829.

Dec. 1.	Mr. Pages donation,	$5 00
4.	Dr. Neill, the Agent of the Board,	350 16
14.	Mr. James Renfrew, Ohio, by Dr. Green,	20 00
16.	Dr. Janeway's annual subscription,	100 00
24.	Donation of E. P. of Dr. Cathcart's cong'tion, York co. Pa.	5 00
	Annual subscription of Rev. Horace S. Pratt, St. Mary's Ga.	100 00
		$580 16

Contributions to the Board of Education, received by the General Agent, during the month of Dec. 1829.

From individuals of the 2d Presbyterian church, Philadelphia,	$125 00
From individuals of the 1st Presbyterian church, Philadelphia,	139 00
From individuals of the church in Carlisle, Pa. annual,	55 00
From individuals of the church of Silver Spring, Pa. annual,	10 50
	$329 50

A few subscriptions, besides the above, not yet paid.

W. Neill,
Cor. Sec. and Gen. Agent.

PLAN

For rendering Sessions Auxiliary Societies to the General Assembly's Board of Missions.

It is believed, after much reflection, that Sessions may become the best auxiliary Missionary Societies that can exist in the Presbyterian Church—that they are more happily adapted to this purpose than any other associations that can be devised, and may supersede the necessity of any other. Sessions are already formed, and must be continued as an essential part in the order and government of the Presbyterian Church; and by their taking an agency in missionary affairs, the church will act *directly by her own officers*, which is the most proper and desirable mode of action, in every thing in which the church is concerned. By Sessions assuming the form of Missionary Societies, all the trouble and all the expense of forming other Missionary associations will be saved; and at the same time Missionary bodies will become more numerous, and more extensively and generally influential, throughout the whole Presbyterian population, than they can ever be otherwise rendered. Missionary operations will in this way be more intimately brought home, as they need to be, to every congregation and to every individual in it, as a concern of their own: and when the people see their own representatives, men of their own choice, and in whom they have confidence, managing and superintending this business, they will be likely to contribute more willingly, generally, and liberally, than they would otherwise do. If in some places it should be considered necessary or expedient, that an individual or two, without becoming regular members of Session, should be joined with it for the special purpose of conducting missionary business, there could be no objection to such a measure.

Auxiliary societies in missionary operations are always chiefly employed in collecting funds for the use of a parent society, or missionary board, by which missions are planned and Missionaries selected and sent forth. Now the Supreme Judicatory of the Presbyterian church have appointed a Missionary Board, the funds of which may easily and most effectually be aided by Sessions in the following ways.

1. It has been proposed by the Board to endeavour to obtain a voluntary subscription of 50 cents annually, from each communicating member in the Presbyterian Churches; and from all non-communicating members in every congregation, who may be willing to make such a contribution. On the funds to be derived from this measure much reliance is placed; and to execute this measure the Session of each congregation is manifestly the natural and proper organ. Let the Session point out the most proper and practicable method of obtaining subscribers; let them appoint a treasurer (one of their own number or any other suitable person) to receive all monies collected in the congregation, and forward them as speedily as practicable to the treasurer of the Board of Missions; let a particular day in the year—say Christmas or New Year's day—be appointed on or before which the 50 cent contribution should be paid; and when the appointed day is near at hand, let the pastor be requested to remind the people from the pulpit of their engagements, and say something calculated to excite and cherish among them a missionary spirit; let some suitable person be appointed to call on those who may not have deposited their subscriptions on or before the appointed day, to collect and deliver them to the treasurer; let an accurate list be kept of all subscribers, and let their number of subscribers be annually forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

2. The Session may promote the keeping of mission boxes in the houses of those who are friendly to the Missionary cause, the contents of which may occasionally be deposited with the treasurer of the Session.

3. The Session may take order that collections for the support of Missions be taken up at the Monthly Concerts for prayer, and appropriate the sums col-

ected in such manner as they may judge to be most equitable: and at these concerts information may be given, as indeed it ought to be given, to the people relative to Missionary concerns, and their minds stirred up to pray for and contribute to the support of the Missionary cause.

4. The members of Session can also receive and in a proper way solicit donations of a larger amount than the annual 50 or 25 cent contribution from those who may be able and willing to make such donations: and if any of the members are acquainted with individuals likely to favour the Missionary cause by testamentary bequests, they may in a discreet and delicate manner remind such individuals of the importance of aiding in sending the gospel to the heathen and to the destitute in our own land.

The foregoing presents a simple plan, of easy execution; and if it be followed up with spirit the whole Presbyterian church may in a few years be, as it is most desirable that it should be, actively engaged in missionary operations. But to produce this effect the Sessions must make and continue some active exertions. Now as *personal responsibility* affords the best security for a careful and persevering attention to any business, especially if it be of a public nature, it may be well that each Session should fix on *some individual*, who may attend to the collection of their Missionary funds, and be charged with superintending the whole concern in the congregation. If this office be found burdensome, it may be, after a fixed period, passed from one individual to another. It may also be well if the Session should make it a standing rule to have two meetings at least in a year expressly for the purpose of attending to Missionary concerns. As the minister of every congregation is always the Moderator of its Session, much—very much—will depend on his taking the lead, cordially co-operating, and discreetly and zealously urging forward an attention to Missionary concerns, both in the Session, and generally among the people of his charge: and it is hoped that no minister in the Presbyterian church will refuse his aid, in a matter of such high importance to the Christian church and the salvation of immortal souls as the sending of the gospel to those who are perishing in ignorance and sin.

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BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The remark has been repeatedly made, and its truth is confirmed by events which are daily transpiring, that the present is peculiarly an age of *benevolent enterprize and action.* Patriots, philanthropists and christians are happily combining their counsels, their efforts, and their resources to devise and execute their respective plans for the furtherance of national prosperity, for the improvement and relief of the ignorant and the oppressed, and for the reformation and salvation of the profligate and perishing. To the *Church* of the living God especially, a new and powerful impulse has been given, within the last thirty years, which has already been followed by results equally glorious to God, and beneficial to men—Christians, are now, at least *beginning* to understand and experience the luxury and blessedness of "*doing good,*" and are consequently becoming more nearly allied to their heavenly Master, both in the sources of their happiness, and in the tenor of their actions. While there are many things to deplore in the feelings, motives and actions even of the best of men, on account of the remaining imperfections and infirmities of their but partially sanctified natures, we think we can clearly discover in very many christians of different denominations, and in distinct associations of the same denomination, something of the holy ardour, and elevated purpose, and boundless desire, which urged the disciples of other times to "*provoke* one another to *love* and *good works.*" Plans for doing good are indeed numerous and diversified, and suited in peculiarity of their features, to the peculiar views and opinions entertained and cherished by those who have originated and adopted them; but in these "*diversities of operations,*" we fondly hope and believe "it is the *same God* which worketh all in all."

Sabbath-School, Temperance, Tract, Colonization, Education, Bible and Missionary Societies are all kindred institutions having in view, essentially the same hallowed end, the glory of God, and the moral improvement and eternal salvation of men—Each has a distinct claim to the regards and to the patronage of every christian disciple, and by a little attention to *system* in the distribution of his religious charities, each might be in a measure sustained by every man who has but a *single dollar* to bestow upon the whole. Let him consider the relative importance and actual necessities of each, and apportion his gifts accordingly, and the offering, however small, will be beneficial to the object, and well pleasing in the sight of God, who loveth a "cheerful giver," and who accepteth every man according to that he hath, and not according to that he hath not. Among these various Societies there are in reality no *conflicting* designs, no *exclusive* interests, nor ought the extraordinary prosperity and success of some to be viewed as in the slightest degree prejudicial to the interests of the rest. There are fields of labour, and means of support, abundantly sufficient for the whole, and in due time, if their claims be judiciously presented, and prudently urged, they will all be fully answered by a discerning and benevolent christian community. These general remarks are *peculiarly* applicable, at least in our apprehension, to all evangelical Missionary Societies and Associations, both Foreign and Domestic, whether they be conducted by different denominations of christians or by distinct portions of the same denomination. The desirable objects proposed to be accomplished, especially by all well-conducted Missionary Institutions within the pale of our own communion, are virtually the same. All are expressly designed to supply the destitute with the means of grace, and to aid in the conversion of the world. And, if, by the separate action of these distinct societies, the cha-

rities of the church be divided, they will still flow on through their respective channels, to the common centre, and will ultimately combine to produce a far greater amount of general good. These various streams of christian benevolence are to the church of God, what the navigable waters of our rivers and canals are to our common country—Each by its peculiar adaptation to the wants and circumstances of the different parts of the community will ultimately contribute the more to the prosperity and happiness of the whole. We are happy to have it in our power to assure our readers that we express the sincere and undisguised sentiments of every member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions, when we say, that we entertain *no fear* of any *injurious collisions* with sister institutions, engaged in conducting on christian, catholic principles, Missionary operations, similar to our own. We do most sincerely & affectionately bid them 'God speed,' in all their well-directed efforts to collect and appropriate the charities of the churches, for the purpose of supplying the destitutions of our land with the means of grace. We will earnestly pray for their prosperity and rejoice in their success. And this we can do, in perfect consistency with the most ardent desires, and the most vigorous efforts, to secure from the churches the most extended patronage which we have hitherto contemplated. Were all our churches organized on the simple plan which has been recommended to them by this Board, an annual income of at least $100,000 might be secured to us by our auxiliaries alone, without requiring of a single member a larger contribution than *one penny a week*, and consequently, without materially diminishing their means of affording liberal patronage to all other kindred institutions in our land. On the principles here announced, then, we do most earnestly solicit, the cordial co-operation, the fervent prayers, and the systematic patronage of all the churches, and with equal sincerity we urge them, also, to sustain and cherish according to their means, all other institutions which are properly engaged in efforts to extend the kingdom of our common Lord.

To convince our readers that the sentiments we have just expressed, are in perfect accordance with those which have been cordially embraced and openly avowed by the *whole Board of Missions*, we will present them with a short quotation from an address to the churches, which was unanimously approved by the Board, and appended to the Minutes of the Assembly of 1828. In that address the Board explicitly says,—"If by a wish we could engross the missionary business of our country, that wish should not be formed. We have no desire to hinder, or to interfere with, any evangelical missionary operations by whomsoever conducted, but to promote them. We are cordially willing to concede to others all that we claim for ourselves. We are desirous to treat as brethren all missionary associations, which recognise those great principles of the Protestant Reformation to which we have alluded. With all such associations we wish to maintain the most friendly intercourse; yea, we repeat it, to afford them all the aid in our power. And we do firmly believe, that by each acting with vigour in its own appropriate sphere, and by mutually cherishing a spirit of fervent Christian charity, more may be done in evangelizing the world—far more—than if all were amalgamated. For ourselves, we can truly say, there is not an evangelical mission now in being, in whose success we do not unfeignedly rejoice, and for which we do not give thanks to God. And why should interference be the subject of alarm or apprehension, when "the field is the world," and when the harvest is so great, and the labourers so few? There is surely room enough for us all, without any collision, were we even a hundred fold more numerous than we are. Some amicable arrangement among the different missionary corps may be of use; and we are ready to enter into them with all who are prepared to meet us. With the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, of which some of this committee are members, & with the Home Missionary Society, to which many of our dear brethren, both of the clergy and laity, are known to belong, we have already opened, and hope constantly to maintain, a friendly correspondence."

COMMUNICATIONS.

Synod of Albany.

A letter has just been received, at the Office of the Board of Missions, from the stated clerk of this Synod, containing the official intelligence, that at their last meeting in October, they declared themselves auxiliary to the Board, by the passage of the following resolution, viz:

"*Resolved*, That the Board of Agency for Domestic Missions, within the bounds of this Synod, be hereafter auxiliary, not only to the American Home Missionary Society, but also to the Board of Missions of the General Assembly." True extract from the minutes.

Attest, James V. Henry, Stated Clerk.

From the systematic plans which have recently been adopted by the above named Board of Agency, and from the energy with which they have already prosecuted their plans, by special agencies of their own, we are led to entertain high hopes and expectations of the increased efforts and liberality of the churches throughout that important section of country. It is truly gratifying and encouraging to find that the Ecclesiastical Judicatories of the North, as well as those of the South and West, are beginning to act in their *distinctive* character, and consequently to act *efficiently*, in behalf of the various benevolent institutions which have for their object the purity and prosperity of the church, and the salvation of the world. From the experience we have already had of the beneficial results of the systematic efforts of individual Churches, Presbyteries, and Synods, in the all-important work of collecting and disseminating information, of searching out and developing the moral condition, and spiritual necessities of the people; securing funds, and preparing the way for their judicious appropriation, we are fully persuaded that, when all our church Judicatories, *as such*, from the highest to the lowest, shall adopt and pursue with vigour the necessary measures for sustaining and encouraging the various benevolent societies, there will be not only a vast increase of funds, but also an equal increase of charitable feeling, and energetic action throughout all the churches.

Union Domestic Missionary Society, Pa.

From the Corresponding Secretary of this Society, we have recently received the following communication, informing us that the society at its last meeting became auxiliary to this Board, presenting to our view the number of vacancies, and missionary stations in their bounds, and earnestly soliciting the immediate appointment of Missionaries among them. We publish the communication entire, in the hope that it may meet the eye, and secure the attention of some heralds of the cross, who may be willing and anxious to enter, without delay, upon interesting missionary fields, where there are encouraging prospects both of usefulness and comfort.

Although our Board, under its present organization, is in its infancy, and our funds hitherto have been comparatively limited, and although we have not hesitated to commission and send forth *every well-qualified* preacher, who was willing to be employed, yet even now, as applications for aid are multiplying upon our files, we are compelled daily to exclaim, "Who will go for us, and whom shall we send?" To occupy the fields here presented, and a *large number* more which might be named, of equal promise and importance, we greatly need *many more* faithful missionary labourers. Should an *hundred* applications for commissions be made at once, by *suitable men*, we could point each of them to a field of labour, already white unto the harvest; and should we grant their request, we should confidently expect from the churches the means which might be necessary for their support.

Carlisle, Jan. 11, 1830.

Rev. Joshua T. Russell,

Dear Sir,—At a meeting of the Union Domestic Missionary Society, at Carlisle, Pa. held in the session room of the Presbyterian church at this place, it was on mention, Resolved, that the Society become auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the General Assembly.

The following is a list of the officers of the society for the present year.

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The last report and the proceedings of the Society will shortly be published, when I will transmit to you a copy.—The church in Dickinson township, of this county, has received aid for several years, and will for a year or two require help. The church in Bedford has become an object of attention by the committee, and requires some assistance.—There is a wide field for missionary labour—two of the most respectable churches in the Presbytery are vacant. Two others adjacent, and nearly, if not fully, able to support a pastor unitedly, are without regular preaching. Several new congregations might be organized. We invite the attention of the Board to this region, and shall be pleased to hear that it is in their power to send Missionaries among us. The funds of the society could be increased considerably, but it has languished because no Missionaries could be obtained. The application has been made to the professors in the Theological Seminary and elsewhere, in hopes of securing the services of some young men. The committee, when they had missionaries, established circuits, and found the plan advantageous. They recommend the same to the attention of the Board, and will be happy to hear from them as soon and as fully as they may find it convenient to write to us. With sentiments of respect, I am yours, &c.

GEO. DUFFIELD.

NEW JERSEY.

The following extract from a letter of a Presbyterian Elder in one of the churches of West Jersey, containing a list of subscribers for our Monthly Publication, will serve to show the interest which is felt in this work, and in the general operations of the Board of Missions, in that section of the country. It may serve also as an *illustration* of the tone and spirit of most of the communications which are made to us every week from Ministers and Laymen in different and distant parts of the Union. By such expressions of confidence and zeal in the cause of the Board, our hearts are encouraged and our hands are strengthened in the work. Were the ardent and catholic feelings of this devoted Elder universally prevalent among the officers, and private members of our churches, our resources would soon be abundant, and our benevolent operations might be greatly extended.

Our correspondent says:

"Last week, I had the pleasure and satisfaction of reading your Publication, the "Missionary Reporter and Education Register," a work that we need much in this place. I have given it to some of my neighbours, and they are also pleased with it."

[Here follows a list of subscribers, accompanied with the full amount of money in advance for the same. *An example* this, worthy of *imitation*. Should all the Elders of our churches go, *and do likewise*, instead of 5,000, we should soon issuue from 20 to 30,000 of this publication, and indeed, even with our present encouragements, we hope, ere long, to realize this desirable result of the *voluntary and gratuitous efforts* of the friends of Domestic Missions.]

In reference to the general operations of the Board, and the aid which should be afforded, the writer remarks, "I hope the great Head of the Church will soon dispose his people here to *do their duty* in this matter. In my opinion, the Presbyterian church, as such, has been *too long indifferent* in the cause of Missions, but I hope they are *beginning* to work effectually, and that we shall *continue* to work, not only until America is blessed with the word of life,and the means of grace, but until the *whole world* shall enjoy them. And what glorious days might we soon expect to see, if all who profess to love Christ, were *doing their duty*. Dear Sir, pardon what is amiss in these remarks, I *feel*, more than I dare to say, on this subject." Surely, our correspondent need not have asked our *pardon*.—He can discover nothing, either in the phraseology or spirit of his communication, that is "*amiss*,"—but much that is right and commendable. We have long been convinced, that some professed Christians are looking with *too much complacency*, and *satisfaction* on what has already *been done* in the cause of benevolence, instead of sincerely lamenting, as most if not all of us have abundant occasion to do, over our past "*indifference*."—We love to hear such lamentations, especially from members in our

own communion. We love to have them, as our correspondent has done, look abroad upon the wants and miseries of à "world," and regard all that has hitherto *been done*, as only a "*beginning*" of the work to *be done*. In comparison with the demands, even of our own country, and with the ability of the 200,000 members in our communion, what is *a single penny a week from each*? And yet, inconsiderable as this sum is, in every point of view, we have reason to apprehend, that the whole amount of the contributions for the current year, from all our churches, to the Board of Missions, will fall short of $20,000—less than *one-fifth* of the sum, which *might* be realized, if every communicant should acknowledge and perform the duty of consecrating his penny a week.

Great want of Protestant Ministers in Canada.

From the Rev. *Isaac Purkis*, a Missionary of this Board in Montreal, and its vicinity, we have recently received an interesting communication, from which we make the following extracts, in relation to the number and condition of the Protestant population, and their truly distressing need of the ordinary means of grace.

"I have been informed of several settlements in different parts of this section of the country, where the Gospel is much needed, and where many of the people would most gladly aid in procuring it, but who are unable, without assistance, either to find ministers, or to support them wholly; several interesting cases of this kind have been mentioned, concerning which I shall be able to give more particular information hereafter. A gentleman who is agent for a proprietor of about 20,000 acres of land, not 30 miles distant, informs me that there are on the lands under his charge about 4,000 Protestants, living without the means of grace —that they would raise about $100 a year.

Of the necessitous situation of this country, some idea may be formed from the following items of information, which I doubt not may be relied on as generally correct. There are in the Lower Province about 600,000 souls.—Protestants, from 100 to 150,000.

In the *Island* of Montreal are about 50,000. In the city and suburbs, 29 to 30,000. In Quebec, more than 26,000. It is said, and I doubt not correctly, that there are not more than 36 Protestant ministers of any description or denomination among the 600,000 in the Lower Province. Not more than 15,000 of the 600,000 can have any part in the labors of any Protestant minister. There are not so far as my knowledge extends, after renewed inquiry, so many as six Evangelical Presbyterian ministers among the 600,000. There is also great need of Missionaries to promote education, as not more than one in fifty of the French Canadians, perhaps I should rather have said, not one in eighty who can read. The four Indian villages, viz. Lorette, Caughnawaga, Lake of the two Mountains, and St. Regis, are much to be commisserated, priest-ridden as they are, and enveloped in *worse* than Pagan superstition.

There is also much for which we ought to be thankful in Montreal, and in other parts of the Province, viz. Bible Societies, Religious Tract Societies, Sabbath School Societies, and Libraries, all of which have gained considerable strength in a few years—a small Missionary Society, House of Industry, Infant School, &c. several of which had no existence when I first came here, six years ago, and at which time, it was hard, if not impossible, to collect fifty persons together, for the most important, viz. the Bible Society, but now its meetings command the attention of many hundreds, and many branches exist in different parts of the province; thus, while there is much to deplore, there is at the same time much on account of which the friends of the doctrine of the Cross ought to thank God and take courage."

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

Pennsylvania.

Extracts from a monthly report of a Missionary in Huntingdon county, dated, Martinsburg, Dec. 31, 1829.

"During the present month, I have travelled 120 miles, preached 18 sermons, visited 21 families, attended my classes as usual, and formed a Tract society of 50 members, and also distributed some Tracts. Last week I visited and preached to the congregation at Yellow Creek. They have not had any stated preaching for some years, except from one whose character has been impeached, and who has been silenced by Presbytery. He has, it seems, done no good among the people, but rather the contrary. He is now about to leave

them, and they are anxious to obtain the services of a minister, and think they could give $150 towards his support for one third of his time, and in a year or two, could afford more. This place, i. e. Martinsburg and Well's Valley, it is said, will give the same amount. It is certain these three places, if aided by the Board for a time, will soon be able to keep a minister of themselves.

I have, dear sir, much reason to lament the hardness of heart which is manifested in some of these people among whom I minister, and yet deplorable as this is, I have much greater reason to bewail my own negligence and remissness in duty. O how I need the fervent prayer of the righteous, that I might be delivered from my besetting sin, indolence, and that my conduct might be such, as to win souls to Christ. Another year is just lingering to be gone. The grand clock of time is about to strike another hour, and "what have I done for him that died to save my wretched soul? How are my follies multiplied fast as my minutes roll!" I say not these things as a splendid exhibition of my own humility. Alas! though I should think myself to be something, yet in His sight, "Behold, I am vile." O that the year, which is now ushering in, if spared to see the end of it, may testify to my greater faithfulness and devotedness to God, for which let me hope for your fervent prayers, and I shall ever remain your friend, and for the present, your humble servant for Christ's sake."

Report of the Rev. Wm. Bacon, stated supply in the 12th Church, Philadelphia.

I have now completed my second quarter of missionary labor in your service, during which time I have attended 123 meetings, of which 1 was a church meeting, 3 were meetings of Presbytery, 6 of Sabbath and Infant School Societies, 4 anxious meetings, 7 session meetings, 4 meetings for the distribution of Tracts, 48 prayer meetings, and 50 meetings for preaching the word. In addition to these, I have attended 2 funerals, 2 days of fasting, and visited the Sabbath School 21 times.

In consequence of sickness in my family and the accumulation of other ministerial business, I am unable to give so much time to religious visiting as formerly. I have, however, been able to pay 205 of such visits during the quarter.

Since my last communication, 16 have united to the church in which I labor. Several hopeful conversions have lately taken place among us; several cases of conviction are now existing, and I think there is a sensible increase of life and zeal of late in the church.

Our Sabbath School is much increased of late both in numbers and interest. I take an active part myself in the instruction of it, the effect of which has been to interest at least my own self in the Sabbath School cause. There is an increase of zeal and faithfulness on the part of the Teachers, and a proportionable seriousness on the part of the scholars. Several of them have lately given evidence of saving conversion.

The members of our congregation have enlisted with much energy in the monthly distribution of Tracts. They have nearly completed the distribution in Cedar Ward, and they come back from their work delighted with the friendly reception which they met.

From the Rev. Salmon King, dated Warren, Bradford county, Pa. Jan. 8, 1830.

Dear Sir,—In making out my report for the last quarter, I would state that I have, according to my directions, confined my labors principally to the feeble church of Warren, but have preached occasionally in the destitute places. We have lately formed a *temperance society*—though small, yet we hope it will increase, and have a salutary influence in suppressing the use of ardent spirits.

There are at present considerable efforts made to build a house for the worship of Almighty God. The site is fixed, and many have subscribed liberally for their circumstances for the object. But how it is possible to accomplish it, is difficult to conceive. We meet once a week to pray about it.

The church are harmonious, but feeble. I know of no particular excitement at present. We meet in a large school-house on the Sabbath, but it is not large enough to contain the audience. Prayer meetings, conferences, and lectures are continued. I have just returned from the funeral of the Rev. M. M. York, of Wysox. He died on the 2d inst. after a few days illness.—He was indeed a bright and shining light, an able minister, and died in peace. The christian people, in this quarter, deeply lament his loss.

From the Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve, a Missionary in Luzerne county.

"Saturday, Oct. 10th.—Attended by

appointment, a meeting in Hanover, to inquire into the expediency of *organizing a new church*, embracing the members of the Wilkesbarre church, that reside in Hanover and Newport, together with such other pious persons, as may apply on examination. The result was, that there appeared a fair promise, that the way would soon open for organizing a new church. Preached the next morning, Sabbath, in Hanover.

Nov. 27th.—The Rev. Mr. Murray accompanied me to the school house near Mr. Lines. After sermon by Mr. Murray, a certificate of dismission, containing eighteen names, was produced and read, and on motion, it was unanimously agreed that they would be formed into a church. Three ruling elders and one deacon were elected, and set apart to their office according to our book of discipline. Appearances seemed auspicious in relation to the new church.

"Dec. 5th.—Preached a lecture preparatory to the administration of the Lord's supper, in the newly organized church in Hanover.

"Sabbath, Dec. 6th.—Preached and dispensed the Lord's supper to the new church for the first time. Two persons, on application, were examined and received on profession of their faith.—Notwithstanding the paths were very bad, the house was full, the people attentive and solemn. Had a comfortable season.

In Plymouth, a death-like apathy prevails, with very few exceptions; and yet my Bible class excites some interest, is pretty well attended, and hope may be useful. The newly organized church in Hanover and Newport, are contemplating the erection of a house for worship. The hope is indulged that this object will be effected, and that this church will prosper. There are equal materials for a new Presbyterian church in Pittston and Providence; but things seem not exactly ripe yet for the object to be carried into effect. Perhaps the board may think I ought to have preached more frequently; but it is difficult to collect many people, at other times than the Sabbath, unless more excitement existed. Considerable discouragements exist, on the ground which your missionary has endeavored to cultivate, that require faith and perseverance; yet the preaching of the Gospel has appeared not to be entirely in vain. The people are progressing in Christian order; respect for the Lord's day, attention to the preaching of the word, and the cause of temperance is gaining.

New Jersey.

From the Rev. John Burt, Missionary in Salem, dated Jan. 4, 1830.

"In relation to the commission received from the Board of Missions, I have fulfilled it as well as I could. I have not been wholly idle, although from certain causes beyond my control, not quite so industrious and successful as in former years. Preached 169 times, besides addresses, exhortations, &c.—made 68 religious visits—met my two Bible classes 42 times—examined the Sunday school 14 times, founded a temperance and a colonization society, &c."

Virginia.

From a Missionary in Pittsylvania county, dated Danville, Dec. 15, 1829.

"I cannot, in a short letter, give you any adequate idea of the desolations around Danville. Truly there are many who profess to be followers of Christ, yet it could not be believed in very many cases, in any other way, than by seeing their names enrolled among the records of their church. There are many portions of this county that never heard the voice of a preacher of our church.—There is one interesting part of the county, about 15 or 20 miles north-west of Danville, that would, no doubt, receive a good zealous preacher from the Board, if the Board could find him.—Should his labors be blessed, he might at once build up one of the most respectable churches in all this section of country. There is a great mass of wealth and worldly respectability, and five or six individuals that would at once join the Presbyterian church.

In the north-east section of the county, they are asking for Presbyterian preaching. There I think a Missionary might do much good.

Henry county, which lies west of Pittsylvania, has in it no Presbyterian church, and not even a member of the church, to my knowledge. I think there is but little preaching there of any kind.

But to return to Danville. Permit me to say, that during the past year, I attended 190 meetings, and preached nearly as many times. In Danville, I have held 170 meetings. The congregations have generally been good. For the last six months, the congregations have been uncommonly large and attentive. There have been only two cases of hopeful conversion in the place,

and one in the country. There has been, I humbly hope, a growing in grace among our members generally, and great anxiety for the salvation of souls. I know of no cases of pungent conviction for sin—there are a few who have inquiring minds. Our Sunday schools are attended with increasing interest, particularly the female Sunday school. There is a female benevolent society. They have appropriated their collections as yet about home.

There is a Bible society for the county recently formed. It has between 30 and 40 members. The object before the board of that society now is, to supply every destitute family with a Bible, in the best way, in the shortest time, and upon the cheapest terms practicable. I hope we shall in less than two years be enabled to say that every family in our county has a Bible.

I am in the habit of visiting more or less every week. I hope such labor is not in vain in the Lord. But alas! sin abounds, and iniquity prevails to an alarming extent, and I am ready to take up the lamentation of the prophet, "Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?"

From the same, under date of Jan. 12, 1830.

"I send enclosed twenty-five dollars, as a donation from the church in Danville, Va. to the Assembly's Board of Missions, which the Board will please accept. This sum was collected during the past year, at the monthly concert of prayer. I am glad, and I trust thankful, when the Lord enables me to cast something into his treasury from this infant and feeble church. Though not able to support their pastor, they are learning to feel for the destitute, and if it be but the widow's mite that they can give, they will not withhold that. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." I trust, Sir, in the course of the year, (I hope in the beginning of it,) to be able to form the session into a Missionary society, auxiliary to the Assembly's Board. If this is not done, the Board may confidently rely on the contributions collected at the monthly concert. I hope from the beginning made this year, that our donation will be greater than the past.

There is an increasing liberality in the church, and as in all other places, the more they give, the more willing they are to give.

Our Sunday schools promise to be very useful. There is great interest felt for their prosperity. Teachers are punctual in their attendance, and have become more assiduous in their attention to their respective classes. I am glad to say that there is another missionary of the Presbyterian church in the county—he is now in the field of which I spoke in my last."

From the Rev. E. C. Hutchinson, a Missionary in Loudon county, dated Leesburg, Dec. 22, 1829.

"My time has been very constantly occupied in the duties which have devolved upon me, and you, reverend sir, who have labored in this country, can form a very good estimate of the nature and the extent of these duties. According to the best of my ability, I have preached the Gospel, and visited my charge. Although it is a time of coldness and carelessness among all sects of christian here, our church has nevertheless been blessed with a small addition. Our congregation in Leesburg is usually respectable in numbers, and it is sometimes very full. In addition to my usual practice of preaching twice on the Sabbath, we have a weekly lecture; and the female members have a weekly prayer meeting. The Tract cause flourishes, and the county Bible society are about to adopt some measures to forward the views of the Parent Society. You have probably seen my ordination in the papers.

So low was the condition of this church when I came to Leesburg, that it had been given up by many of the ministers of our Presbytery. It seemed however to me important ground; and such is its present state, that I trust we may not be under the necessity of troubling the Board of Missions longer than the present year. Prejudice has gradually died away, and seems now almost extinct.—The Episcopalians have yielded their hopes of incorporating our members in their church; and with the blessing of God there may be yet a Presbyterian people here. In the German settlement, where I preach once a month, there is an extensive field of usefulness. The congregation is usually as large as three hundred. It is my hope that our Presbytery will gain another church from that settlement.

In Waterford I sometimes preach on Sabbath evening. There are a few members residing in town, and I have been successful in establishing a Tract society there.

Our cause in the counties around me

is bleeding for want of missionaries and and pastors."

From a Missionary in Bath, Pocahontas, and Greenbriar counties, dated December 29, 1829.

"During the last month, I have preached 12 sermons; travelled 250 miles; distributed 1000 pages of Tracts, consisting chiefly of Kittridge's Address on Intemperance. Tracts are very much needed in these backward and destitute regions of country. I have also visted 15 families. In these counties we have no Sabbath Schools, and it is more than probable that we shall not have any before spring. The country is very mountainous; the population very sparse. A number of the people have to come from 6 to 8 and 10 miles to preaching. I would preach oftener could I collect the people to hear. I have been disappointed more than once in fulfiling my appointments, on account of high water. And once after riding 5 miles through sleet and snow to fulfil an appointment, the weather was so inclement that no one attended. In the counties of Bath, Greenbriar and Pocahontas, there is only one Presbyterian preacher besides your Missionary; and in these counties there are nearly 20,000 souls. A great many of them never heard a Presbyterian minister preach; and the people are anxious to hear Presbyterian preaching. A large majority prefer it. Indeed there is very little preaching of any kind—one or two Methodist circuit riders, and the same number of very inefficient Baptist preachers. They have no congregations, and the people only go to hear them when there is no other person to go to hear. These three counties, partially as they are at present supplied, are much better supplied than many of the neighbouring or adjoining counties. Western Virginia is truly destitute of the labours of evangelical men. Thousands are perishing for "lack of knowledge:" And little can be done by the feeble churches in those regions, where they have been already organized, in support of the Gospel of Christ. In many counties in Western Virginia, there is no Presbyterian preacher—no Missionary, no Tract, no Bible Societies, nor any institution of the kind. All, all is a barren, unenlightened, moral waste. The people are generally very kind and hospitable—Missionaries are kindly received—they need not be at any expense whilst labouring among this people. Still there is much to discourage: Intemperance in these regions has not yet "become ashamed"—nor "hidden its head." The distribution of Kittridges address has already been attended with much good; and I hope to hear of much more good resulting from giving the people an opportunity of reading this valuable tract. The Sabbath in many parts of this country is much profaned. Could not some of your benevolent and charitable tract societies send us a small parcel of tracts to disperse through these destitute regions, these 'western wilds.' Could not the "Philadelphia Tract Society" extend her helping hand to us, we want tracts very much. It is impossible for one Missionary to watch over so many souls—or to let his influence be felt over such extensive bounds in the manner in which he wishes it might be felt.

GEORGIA.

From Mr. J. R. Talmage, Butts Co. Jan. 12, 1830.

"I have preached in several different counties to very interesting audiences, but in general the Presbyterian congregations are very small. The number of professors of religion in one church in this part of the state varies from 6 to 10, 15, 20 and in a few instances 60 or 70. In general we have but one congregation in a county, for which reason some are obliged to go fifteen or twenty miles to church. It has sometimes been a source of great pleasure to me to reflect that although my audience is small it is composed for the most part of those who are anxious to hear the gospel.—They have not stepped out of their houses immediately into the house of worship, merely to pass away an idle hour or satisfy a vain curiosity. They have been obliged to rise earlier than usual on the Sabbath morning and proceed for a considerable number of miles to the house of God.—When I see such persons taking their seats in the church, fixing their eyes on the speaker, and eagerly devouring every word that is dropped I cannot but believe that of a truth God is no respecter of persons.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Reports have recently been received from Mr. *W. C. Anderson*, an agent of the Board in this state, of a highly interesting and encouraging nature. In a little less than two months, from the 21st of Nov. to the 19th of Jan. he has travelled 831 miles, preached 36 times, and organized 27 auxiliaries, at an expense of less than $10. In these Auxiliaries the whole number of sub-

scribers is 1,487—the amount subscribed $795 30—the amount collected $128 67. A number of subscribers were also obtained for the "Missionary Reporter." The names of the Auxiliaries reported will be found in the general list, and the amounts paid by each will be acknowledged by the Treasurer, when the collections and remittances shall have been more generally made.

LIST OF AUXILIARIES

TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Massachusetts—Newburyport. *New York*, N. York city—Wall street church, Canal st. church, Murray street church, Scotch Presbyterian, church; Albany, 1st Presbyterian church, 2d do., 3d do., Synod of Albany; Troy, 1st Presbyterian church, 2d do., Greenbush, Lansinghurg, Hudson, Presbytery of Watertown, Black River Association. *New Jersey*—Church at Cape May, do. at Princeton, Kingston church, Harmony congregation, Oxford do., Hardwick do., Stillwater do., Greenwich, Warren co. do., Bethlehem, Hunterdon co. do., Alexandria do., Amwell United 1st do., Amwell 1st church, Hunterdon county, Amwell 2d church, Hunterdon co., Millville church, Cumberland co., Bridgeton do. do., Fairfield do. do., Mansfield do. Hunterdon county, Greenwich do. Cumberland co., Deerfield do. do., Pittsgrove do. Salem co., Woodbury do. Gloucester co., Blackwoodtown do. do., Lambertsville do. Hunterdon co., Pennington do. do., 1st church in Trenton, Lawrenceville church, Hunterdon co., Dutch Neck do., Cranberry do. Middlesex co., Upper Freehold do. Monmouth co., 1st church in Freehold, do., Church in Trenton city, 3d church of Newark, New Brunswick do. *Pennsylvania.*—1st church in Philadelphia; 2d do. 3d do. 4th do. 6th do. 7th do. 8th do.; Churches in Kensington, Frankford, Neshamony, Reading, East Tuscarora, Mifflintown, Lewistown, Waynesburg, Huntington, Harts Log, Alexandria, Bellefonte, Lick Run, East Kishacoquillas, Norristown, Doylestown, Abington, Germantown, Allentownship; 1st and 2d Presbyterian church, Pittsburg; church at East Liberty, Alleghany county; Wyalusing, Solesbury, Long Run & New Salem, Great Valley and Charlestown, Cross Roads, The Flats, Washington county; Youngstown, Slippery Rock, Mount Pleasant, Easton, Lower Mount Bethel; Beulah church, Northumberland Presbytery, T. Hood, Secretary; Presbyterian church at Greensburg, Beaver county; Beaver, Charteers, Wash. co.; Cross Creek, Washington, Buffaloe, Mercer, Mercer co.; North East, Erie co; 1st church Erie; 1st church Meadville, Crawford co.; Butler, Butler co.; Mount Prospect, Wash. co.; Claysville, do; Pigeon Creek, do.; Hopewell congregation, New Bedford, Mercer co.; church at Racoon, Wash. co.; Miller's Run, do.; Bethany church, Allegheny co.; church at Mill Creek, Beaver co.; Monteurs Run congregation, Upper Ten Mile, Wash. co.; Lower Ten Mile, do.; Congruity, Westmoreland co. *Delaware.*—Churches at Christiana, New Castle, Penncader. *Maryland.*—Churches at Hagerstown, Monokin or Princess Ann, Wicomico or Salisbury; 1st church at Baltimore; Taneytown, Miss M. Birnie, Sec.; 2d Pres. church of Baltimore, 3d. do. do. *Virginia.*—Lower Buffaloe, Brook co.; The Flatts, do. Three Springs, do.; Presbyterian church at Wheeling.—*North Carolina.*—Centre church, churches of Ash Pole, Laurel Hill, Bethel church., Little Pedee, Wilmington, Nutbush, Oxford, Hillsborough, Hawfields, Cross Roads, Milton, Danville, Harmony, Carmel, Philadelphus, St. Pauls, Lumber Bridge, Euphronia, Moore county, Buffalo, do. Mineral Spring, do. Alemance, Guilford co. Buffalo, do. Greensborough, do. Eno, Orange co. Griers, Caswell co. Union, Moore co. Bethesda, do. Tirza, Cumberland co. Averasborough, do. Bluff congregation, do. Gallatia, do. Long street, do. Bethel, Robinson co. M'Gill's cong'tion, Richmond co. *South Carolina.*—Red Bluff congregation. *Ohio.*—Churches at Mansfield, Mount Vernon, Buck Creek, Urbanna, Cincinnati, (Dr. Wilsons's) Dayton, Franklin, Lebanon, Dicks Creek, Pisgah, Rocky Spring, Bloomingburgh, Washington, Salem, Concord, Reading, Springfield, Mill Ville, Seven Mile, Hamilton, Butler co. Somerset, Montgomery, Pleasant Ridge, Ripley, Brown co. Red Oak, Strait Creek, Manchester, West Union, Hillsborough, Mount Carmel, Hopewell, Bath, Troy, Miama co. Yellow Spring, Green co. New Lisbon, Columbiana co. Youngstown, Trumbull co. Poland, do. Pleasant Valley congregation, Fairfield, Columbiana co. Apple Creek congregation, Wooster, Wayne co. church at Lancaster, Fairfield co. 3d church at Cincinnati, church at Newton, Fairview, Guernsey county, Lancaster Presbytery, churches at New Lancaster, Thornville, Unity, Zanesville and Putnam, Norwich, Pleasant Hill, Cambridge, Washington, Senecaville, Buffaloe, M'Connellsville, Welch's Settlement, Irville, Newark, Rush Creek, Richland Presbytery, churches at Utica, Martinsburg, Frederick, Pleasant Valley, Steubenville. *Alabama.*—Tuscumbia. *Indiana.*—Presbytery of Wabash, church at Crawfordsville. *Illinois.*—Golconda, Pope county. *West Tennessee.*—Columbia, Maury county. *Georgia.*—St. Mary's. *Kentucky.*—First church at Lexington.—Total 240.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS.

Rev. Jabez Spicer, 1 year, Greenwood and Andover, New York.

Rev. Robert A. Lapsley, 1 year, Livingston and Caldwell counties, Ky.

Mr. Daniel L. Russell, Missionary Agent, 2 months, Synod of Virginia.

Rev. Colin M'Iver, Missionary Agent, 4 months, North and South Carolina and Georgia.

Rev. George Colton, 1 year, Elba, Stafford, and Alexander, Genesee co. N. York.

Rev. E. S. Hunter, 1 year, Middlebury Village, Genesee co. N. York.

Rev. Chester Long, 1 year, White Plains, West Chester co. N. York.

Re-appointments.

Rev. George G. Sill, 1 year, West Mendon and Rush, N. Y.

Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve, 6 months, Luzerne co. Pa.

Rev. Daniel M. Barber, 1 year, West Branch of the Susquehanna and Sinemahoning, Clearfield co. Pa.

Mr. Samuel Montgomery, 2 months, Huntingdon co. Pa.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

W. Carrith, Pa.; C. Johnson, N. Y.; S. Baldridge, Ill.; J. D. Duffield, Md.; S. Steele, Ky.; S. B. Quay, Pa.; J. C. Harrison, Ky.; N. Gould, N.Y.; J. Paine, Va.; G. G. Sill 2, N. Y.; J. H. Jones, N. J.; J. F. Clarke, do.; S. Montgomery, Pa.; L. B. Sullivan, N. Y.; S. Pierce, do.; H. Brown, Ohio; A. G. Danby, N. Y.; D. R. Preston, Florida; R. Rutherford, Ohio; A. Clark, N. Y.; G. Morgan, N.Y.; J. Blythe, Kentucky; T. Barr 2, Ohio; J. Titus, Pa.; S. Agnew, Pa.; W. Fraser, Ohio; A. Alexander, N.J.; W. Bacon, Pa.; B. E. Collins, Pa.; J. Burt, N. J.; C. Gildersleeve, Pa.; R. A. Lapsley, Kentucky; H. M. Kerr, N. C.; G. Duffield, Pa.; S. C. Henry, N. J.; H. Van Deman, O.; J. Robinson, Ohio; J. Peebles, Pa.; J. S. Thomson, Indiana; J. Thomson 2, do.; W. C. Anderson, N. C.; R. G. Lynn, Ohio; M. Williamson, N. J.; W. Hughes, Ohio; D. M. Barbour, Pa.; J. Agnew, do.; J. Lee, N. Y.; J. Rea, Ohio; R. Boal, jr. Ohio; J. R. Anderson, Geo.; W. M. Colin, Ohio; A. M'Elroy, Pa.; J. Gloucester, Pa.; S. Hodge, Tenn.; D. L. Russell 2, Va.; B. F. Spillman, Illinois; T. G. Potts, Pa.; Messrs. Whiting, Wilcox and Crawford, N. Y.; E. S. Hunter, and Elders and Trustees of the church in Middlebury, N.Y.; A. F. Rankin, Ohio; A. Leonard, do.; A. D. Montgomery, Va.; J. Ayres, do.; E. Hart, Ohio; J. M. Olmstead, Pa; D. M'Kinney, Pa.; J. D. Hughes, Ohio; P. H. Fullenwider, N. J; S. W. Leonard, N. Y.; C. Gardiner, Pa.; G. Colton, do.; W. Craig do.; J. R. Moreland, Indiana; J. A. Ogden, Indiana; A. Coe, N. W. Territory; J. M. Street, Michigan Territory; D. Dingley, N. W. Territory; P. Lamar, Geo.; Elders and Trustees of the congregations M'Connellsville, Deerfield and Windsor, Ohio; J. V. Henry, N. Y.; A. R. Moore, do.; T. Caldwell, Ky.; G. Printz, Ohio; A. Scovel, N. Y.; J. C. Watson, N. J.; A. S. Weaver, Ohio; Messrs. Hall, Steele and Blythe, Cor. Ex. Com. of West Lexington Pres. Ky.; J. R. Talmage, Geo.; A. O. Hubbard, Md.; G. Morrison, do.; S. Daley, N. Y.; Elders of the church at White Plains, N. Y.; S. Todd, Pa.; W. B. Stow, N.Y.; J. H. Agnew, Pa. Elders of New Shiloh church, W. Ten.; A. Beasley O.

ACCOUNT OF CASH RECEIVED

By the Board of Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, during the month of January, 1830.

Aurora, Ohio. From Mrs. Trephina Sawyer, per Rev. A. Coe,			$00 12
Baltimore, Md. Donation from Mr. Samuel Jones - - - - -	5 00		
Annual subscription from the 3d Presbyterian church,	21 00		
Do. do. do. 2d do. do. -	20 00		
Do. do. do. 1st do. do. -	174 00		
			220 00
Brooklyn, N. Y. From 1st Presbyterian church, 1-3d of their Monthly Concert collection, per A. V. Sinderin, Esq. - - - - -			50 00
Cape May, N.J. Monthly collection in Presby'n church, per Rev. M. Williamson			2 00
Congruity, Pa. Annual subscription Auxiliary Society, per Wm. Craig, Tr.			39 75
Danville, Va. Monthly Concert collection in Presb. church, per Rev. D. A. Montgomery, - - - - - - - - - - -			25 00
Great Valley, N. Y. Annual subscription from Presb. church, per Dr. Stephen Harrison, Treasurer - - - - - - -			16 00
Germantown, Pa. Monthly coll. from Pres. church, per Rev. J. Nourse,	6 19		
Annual subscription from members	6 00		
			12 19
Greensburg. From Auxiliary Society, additional, per Mr. S. Todd - -			5 00
Greenfield, Ohio. From Mrs. Samuel Spencer, per Rev. A. Coe -	0 50		
Do. Hiram Spencer, do. - - - -	0 50		
			1 00
Huntingdon, Pa. Annual subscription from Pres. church, under care of Rev. John Peebles, per R. B. Campfield - - - - -			21 00
Jackson, Tenn. Donation from Elizabeth P. Trigg - - - -			0 50
Lambertsville, N. J. Collection in Presbyterian church - - - -			10 79
			403 35

	Brought over		403 35
Lewiston, Pa.	From do. per Rev. A. B. Quay,		13 00
Long Run,	From do. per A. M. Candless		4 00
Neshamony, Pa.	From the Auxiliary Society in Rev. Mr. Bellville's congregation	40 00	
	Donation from an aged member of do	20 00	
			60 00
New Hope.	From Miss Pratt's scholars		0 56
New Lisbon.	From Presbyterian church, per Rev. C. Vallingham		7 50
New York.	From Auxiliary Society of Murray street congregation, per Rev. J. T. Russell,	76 94	
	Do. of the Irish Pres. church, Canal st. per do.	83 51	
	Donation from Rev. Gardiner Spring, D.D.	50 00	
			210 45
Newark, N. J.	Third payment of Auxiliary Society of 3d church, per Rev. J. T. Russell		64 50
New Brunswick, N. J.	Donation from Mrs. Joanna Bayard, per Mr. Samuel Holcomb	1 50	
	Do. Mrs. Ogden, do.	4 50	
	Annual subscription of Presbyterian church	44 50	
			50 50
N. W. Territory.	Donation from Daniel Dingley, an Indian trader near St. Croix River, North Western Territory, per Rev. A. Coe		10 00
Princeton, N. J.	From Auxiliary Society, per Rev. J. T. Russell		7 00
Ogee's Ferry, Ill.	From Mr. Joseph Ogee, per Rev. A. Coe,	2 00	
	Do. two little girls do.	0 02	
			2 02
Philadelphia.	Monthly Concert collection in 1st Pres. church	5 15	
	Do. do. 2d do.	33 51	
	Annual Subscription for 1829 of 2d do.	106 89	
	Do. do. do. 7th do. Rev. W. Engles	62 70	
	Do. do. in part, 4th do.	26 75	
	Do. do. do. 8th do.	70 00	
	Do. do. for 1829, Rev. S. B. How and family	2 00	
	Subscription of late S. E. Wier, Esq.	100 00	
	From Mr. W. F. Geddes, for sub'n to Philadelphian	1 00	
	Donation from the Ladies Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society, per Miss Anna J. Linnard, and Miss Hannah Clarkson	350 00	
	Donation from discussion of Universalism	0 50	
	Do. Mr. Robert Wallace	10 00	
	Do. Mr. W. F. Geddes	4 00	
			772 50

Cash from Rev. E. S. Ely, from himself and congregation, viz:

Rev. E. S. Ely	$100 00	Brought over	$230 00
Mr. Wm. Nassau, an elder	50 00	Mr. John Little	2 00
Mrs. Margaret Carswell	25 00	Mr. Henry Tumbleston	2 00
Lemuel Lamb, Esq.	12 00	Mr. John Brower	1 00
Mr. James C. Thompson and wife	10 00	Miss Abby Ann Steele	1 00
Mr. Robert Thompson and wife	10 00	Mrs. Sarah A. Raybold	1 00
Mrs. Maria M'Clure	5 00	Mrs. J. B. Sutherland	1 00
Mr. Elisha W. Cook	5 00	Mr. Joseph Rogers	1 00
Mr. Joseph B. Mitchell	4 00	Mrs. Eliza Crowley	1 00
Mr. James Stuart, an elder	5 00	Mr. Frederick Myerle	1 00
John W. Thompson, Esq.	2 00	Mrs. Margaret Myerle	1 00
Mrs. Mary Hunter	2 00	181 subscrib's of 50 cts. ea.	90 50
		7 do. 25 do.	1 75
Carried over	$230 00		334 25

Salem, N. J.	Collection in Pres. church for 1829, per Rev. Mr. Burt	5 00	
	Do. do. 1830, do.	8 00	
			13 00
Trenton, Tenn.	Donation from G. Hamilton, per Rev. J. Nourse		0 50
Missionary Reporter.	From sundry subscribers		178 00
	SOLOMON ALLEN, *Treasurer,* *No. 18, South Third Street.*		$2,131 13

NOTE.—*Robert Lenox, Esq.* of the city of New-York, has authorized us to add his name to the subscription of $100 a year for 10 years.

THE
EDUCATION REGISTER.

EDITED BY WILLIAM NEILL, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

GENERAL AGENT.

It is proper to state that the General Agent, after he had made some progress in prosecuting his agency in this city, was obliged to return to Carlisle, the residence of his family. One of his children was dangerously ill; and when she had partially recovered he was detained there by the subsequent sickness of his wife. Something was done by him in Carlisle. On his return he conferred with the President of the Board; and it was deemed advisable for him to visit New York and Albany immediately, as his assistance had been desired by brethren in each of those cities. In regard to the clerical brethren at New York, he says they are generally very friendly to our Board; and in Albany he informs us he is prosecuting his agency with flattering success. The details of his labours may perhaps be given in a subsequent number.

LETTER FROM THE REV. GEO. WHITING.

Boston, Jan. 13th, 1830.

Rev. E. S. Ely, D. D.

My Dear Sir,—Perhaps you may recollect that your Board of Education granted me two loans, of $50 each, some 4 years ago, while I was a member of the seminary at Princeton. You may possibly remember also to have intimated to me that if, as I expected, I should become a foreign missionary, your impression was that the Board would not require the payment of the notes I gave. They will become due in the course of the present year; and as I am about to leave the country, it is proper that I should know officially whether I may expect the Board to do me this kindness or not; and if not, that I should endeavour to make some other arrangement. It is hardly necessary to say, that having been laboring as an agent for the A. B. C. F. M., on a moderate salary, almost the whole time since I began to preach, and having been in debt for my education, I am not prepared, to pay the money now—nor could I possibly do it, without taking it from the amount allowed me by the Prudential Committee, as an outfit.

Of course the donation, if made, would be in reality to the missionary cause. Still I regard the debt as an honest one, and should rejoice to pay it when I can, that some other indigent student may have the benefit of it; situated as I am, however, perhaps it will be deemed a reasonable request when I ask to be released from the obligation. Will you, my dear sir, do me the favor to communicate this request to the Executive Committee, and let me know what order is taken respecting it.—Should they not be together immediately, I will thank you to write me a line expressing your own opinion as to what they will do. If that opinion is the same as you expressed to me years ago, I shall venture to dismiss all anxiety on the subject.

A line will reach me before I embark if written immediately.

It may be interesting to you to know that I expect to sail for Malta, on the 20th inst., and to be associated with Mr. Bird in Syria.

Your prayers I trust will follow me.

I beg you to make my thanks acceptable to the Committee for their past kindness; and believe me, my dear sir, very truly

Your obliged fellow servant in the Gospel, GEO. B. WHITING.

It will be recollected, that in our last we stated our objections to exacting bonds from our beneficiaries for the payment of money advanced for their edcation.* Instances have occurred in which individuals needing but little assistance, have preferred receiving a loan and giving their notes for the repayment. The Board have complied with their wishes; and will in future aid others thus circumstanced in the same manner, when they prefer this mode.

On reading Mr. Whiting's letter the Executive Committee *instantly* & *unanimously* cancelled his obligation. They rejoice to have assisted a worthy young man in completing his thelogical education, by which he has become qualified, in the judgment of the Prudential Committee of the A. B. C. F. M. to be one

* Page 78, line 15 from the bottom, dele the word *two*.

of their Mission to Syria. Very cheerfully will the Board of Education, at any future time, make a similar donation to assist foreign Missions.

Princeton College.

A brother in the West has stated in a letter that some apprehended, that if they were to become too closely connected with this Board, their colleges would be neglected, and that at Princeton be too exclusively patronized. This apprehension is founded in mistake, and would have been removed if our former statements had been duly considered. This ancient literary institution is indeed worthy of regard. It has been a blessing both to the church and to the state. A large proportion of our most eminent statesmen and most popular preachers, have received their collegiate education in that highly favoured seminary; but our brethren to the West and to the South may rest assured, that their wishes will be consulted, and beneficiaries supported by them, sent to any college, or theological seminary they may prefer.

Thus led to speak of the college of Princeton, it will be deemed but an act of justice to correct a mistatement of facts in relation to it, to which has been given very extensive circulation, and which is likely to be injurious to its prosperity if suffered to remain without correction. For the diminution of the number of its students various causes might be assigned, that do not reflect on its literary merit or reputation. But the number is by no means so small as stated in two publications that have extensive circulation. In the quarterly Register and Journal of the A. Education Society for April 1829, it is stated, that this college had only *forty-three* undergraduates; and this statement is republished in the Christian Almanac for N. York, Connecticut & N. Jersey, and elswhere. This incorrect and unfortunate statement has, we are informed, induced some persons to suppose this college is closed. We are happy to be able, on the best authority, to inform the public that the average number for the last year was between *seventy* and *eighty*, and that there are at present *seventy-one* students, and that it is confidently believed there never was more industry, good order, and piety in the institution at any period for many years. A large addition to the college is expected next spring.

This periodical has not only erred in regard to the whole number of students, but has made the sum of the numbers assigned by its own statement to 3 classes less, by 10, than the true amount.

Good Example.

There is a young man in Princeton College, to whom the Executive Committee have made an appropriation of $35 for the present session. He has no relations to aid him, except a brother from whom he receives some clothing. But he is a house carpenter; and the last session he paid his college bill with the avails of his labour. He raised by his industry during the last vacation, between $30 and $40; and he intends employing his vacations in this way during his whole preparatory course for the gospel Ministry. He is a good scholar.

Extracts Continued, from page 80.

"To the inquiry why the fact should be so, it would be a sufficient answer to say, that such is God's appointment. 'Faith cometh by hearing.' But we can, in this instance, see an analogy between the effectual communication of revealed truth, and that of truth of every other kind. Without oral instruction there would be little knowledge in the world, though the world were filled with books. In every gradation of instruction, from the child that learns his alphabet to the erudite adept in science, the advances are made chiefly by oral instruction. Whoever thought of opening a school, or a college, by placing a library in it, from which each scholar might be furnished with suitable books, but without any teachers to explain them by verbal instruction, to aid the pupils in their researches, or to direct those researches aright? It is the same in religion; or rather the case is stronger here, because depraved man is more averse from religious truth than from truth of any other kind. We cheerfully admit, nay, we would earnestly contend, that every hu-

man being arrived at the age of discretion should have a Bible, and be taught to read it. But we also contend, that mankind must have living teachers too, or that the Bible, in ninety-nine instances out of a hundred, will be little read, little understood, and do but little good.

"From the time of the Evangelist Philip, down to the present hour, the answer even of a diligent reader to the enquiry, 'Understandeth thou what thou readest?' must be that of the Ethiopian Eunuch, 'How can I, except some man should guide me.'

"If any of the children of the church need assistance in obtaining an education for the sacred office, from what source can they so properly receive it, as from the church their moral parent? Every consideration of nature, reason, and scripture, point to this parent as the most suitable provider. Assistance from individuals may be given reluctantly, or may be suddenly and capriciously withdrawn: but the church, as long as she has the feelings of a mother, can never be, either reluctant, or weary in providing for her beloved children. The aid received from individuals, may excite in delicate minds, a painful sense of dependence: but it would surely be improper for a child to feel pain in receiving from the hand of parental affection. Nay, may we not confidently assert, that when a pious youth is willing to devote his talents for life to the service of the Church, it is but an act of mere justice in the Church, to furnish him with the means of comfortable support while he is preparing to serve her?

"Nor is it any solid objection to the system of educating young men for the ministry, on charitable funds, that some of them, after obtaining an education, never enter the ministry; and that some others are by no means distinguished ornaments of the sacred office. It were just as reasonable for parents, according to the flesh, to say, that many youth whose parents do much for them turn out ill; and that, therefore, *they* will take no pains, and incur no expense, in educating their beloved offspring. No wise parent thinks or speaks thus. He is willing to do all in his power for promoting the welfare of his children; and to labour and incur expense, whenever there is a rational prospect of a favourable result; and having done so, to leave the event with infinite wisdom. And the Church ought to be willing to take the same course, and run the same risk with respect to her children.

"*Pious parents!* will you not take a deep interest in this immensely important concern? Will you not be willing to contribute your mite towards the education of your own sons, or the sons of others, whose hearts the lord has touched, that they may be prepared to serve the Church in the ministry of reconciliation? There is a day coming, when to have contributed efficiently to the preparation of one able and faithful gospel minister for the sanctuary, will appear more important, and will afford greater pleasure in reflection, than the greatest mere temporal benefaction that can possibly be bestowed on mankind. Temporal benefits perish in the using: but the labours of one faithful minister of the gospel, may be the means of extending blessings to nations the most remote, and posterity the most distant, as well as through eternal ages.

"*Pious young men!* we call upon you to ponder this subject deeply in your hearts. To you, under God, we look for ministers of that Church, which the Redeemer has purchased with his own blood. We entreat you to come forward, and to consecrate yourselves to the service of that Church. Can you make choice of any other profession so desirable, so noble, so God-like, as the ministry of reconciliation? If not, then pray for the prosperity of this Board; endeavour to excite the zeal and liberality of others for its support; and crown all by devoting yourself to the holy cause which it is formed to promote.

"*Christian brethren of every character and age!* the errand on which we come to you in this address, is no common one! We have all too long neglected our duty to the Church of God. Let us, then, humbled by the past, and animated by the prospect of the future, rouse from our lethargy, and begin to act in earnest. Our Master requires it of us. The calls of destitute Churches, who can find none to break to them the bread of life, requires it of us. The cries of frontier settlements, who look and entreat in vain for missionaries, require it of us. The miseries of the poor heathen, who are perishing by millions for lack of knowledge, require it of us. Yes, brethren, if you love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity; if you love the Church to which you belong; if you wish to prevent a famine of the Word of Life from desolating our land,—Come forward, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."*

"We address our fellow-citizens as christians, and ask, concerning the future millions of our country, who would

* Address of the Education Society.

most naturally, under the influence of parental instructions, become Presbyterians in principle, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?"

"We address our fellow-citizens as friends of literature, good government, domestic industry, sound morality, and national happiness, and ask, when did these blessings abound, and continue, in any land in which the Bible was not generally read by the common people, and in which the people were not well supplied with evangelical, protestant ministers? If we would not have our nation subjected to superstition, papal bondage, anarchy, tyranny, oppression, vice, and even pagan idolatries, we must promote the general diffusion of knowledge by public schools, colleges, and seminaries of learning; we must teach the people self-government; we must cherish civil and religious liberty; we must influence the community by the hopes of endless happiness, and the fears of endless punishment; and in doing all these things, the protestant pulpit has ever been the most powerful means; and for this good reason, that Infinite Goodness has appointed the preaching of the Gospel to be the wisdom of God, and the power of God unto the salvation of sinful men.

"If you would not have your posterity, and countrymen of future ages, generally destitute of the inestimable blessings of a free and wise representative government which you enjoy; if you would not have half the yet unborn millions of our western world, the home of rational liberty, grow up in ignorance of that just God and Saviour, whom you love and adore; if you would not that your childrens' children should be the slaves of some ghostly pontiff, or of some regal tyrant, whom he may set up; if you would not that your posterity should become infidels and pagans, and perish without spiritual vision, pray, pray earnestly, that the Lord of the harvest would send forth a sufficiency of labourers into his vineyard: and follow your prayers by conduct becoming those who believe that Heaven ordinarily accomplishes his gracious purposes towards man through the instrumentality of human agency."

Disappointments.

The Board hopes to be honoured, by divine providence, as an instrument for training up, in the course of years, hundreds of young men for the ministerial office. But in the prosecution of a work of such great importance disappointments may be expected. Calculating on the state of human nature and the usual course of events, it would be wonderful indeed if in so large a number of beneficiaries, all should answer our expectations. Caution is indeed to be exercised in placing applicants on the funds. But as no sagacity or vigilance in church officers, can prevent the intrusion of unworthy persons into the church, so no sagacity or vigilance in the Board of Education will be sufficient to prevent some unworthy youth from participating in the funds committed to their care. After the trial of years men destitute of piety find their way into the ministry; and it would be marvellous if the Board, who are under the necessity of aiding young men long before their characters can be subject to the test of years, were not in some cases to be imposed on. Such disappointments should neither induce us to abandon our work, nor discourage us in the prosecution of our labours. The door of admission into the sacred office is not to be shut against *all* to hinder *wolves* from entering in to devour the sheep. If the church is to refuse to educate her indigent sons, because some will repay her kindness with ingratitude, and may utterly disappoint her expectations, then, for the same reason, ought every pious parent to withold his assistance from his child, whose heart is touched by the grace of God, and whose soul is longing for the happiness of going forth as an embassador of heaven to proclaim salvation to a perishing world.

Offer Accepted.

The last number presented an offer, which has been accepted by one individual. It is now proper to give names.

Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., and Solomon Allen, Esq. have engaged to pay to the Board of Education two hundred dollars for this year, in addition to their former subscriptions; provided *eight* more will engage to pay each an equal sum.

PLAN

For rendering Sessions Auxiliary Societies to the General Assembly's Board of Missions.

It is believed, after much reflection, that Sessions may become the best auxiliary Missionary Societies that can exist in the Presbyterian Church—that they are more happily adapted to this purpose than any other associations that can be devised, and may supersede the necessity of any other. Sessions are already formed, and must be continued as an essential part in the order and government of the Presbyterian Church; and by their taking an agency in missionary affairs, the church will act *directly by her own officers*, which is the most proper and desirable mode of action, in every thing in which the church is concerned. By Sessions assuming the form of Missionary Societies, all the trouble and all the expense of forming other Missionary associations will be saved; and at the same time Missionary bodies will become more numerous, and more extensively and generally influential, throughout the whole Presbyterian population, than they can ever be otherwise rendered. Missionary operations will in this way be more intimately brought home, as they need to be, to every congregation and to every individual in it, as a concern of their own: and when the people see their own representatives, men of their own choice, and in whom they have confidence, managing and superintending this business, they will be likely to contribute more willingly, generally, and liberally, than they would otherwise do. If in some places it should be considered necessary or expedient, that an individual or two, without becoming regular members of Session, should be joined with it for the special purpose of conducting missionary business, there could be no objection to such a measure.

Auxiliary societies in missionary operations are always chiefly employed in collecting funds for the use of a parent society, or missionary board, by which missions are planned and Missionaries selected and sent forth. Now the Supreme Judicatory of the Presbyterian Church have appointed a Missionary Board, the funds of which may easily and most effectually be aided by Sessions in the following ways.

1. It has been proposed by the Board to endeavour to obtain a voluntary subscription of 50 cents annually, from each communicating member in the Presbyterian Churches; and from all non-communicating members in every congregation, who may be willing to make such a contribution. On the funds to be derived from this measure much reliance is placed; and to execute this measure the Session of each congregation is manifestly the natural and proper organ. Let the Session point out the most proper and practicable method of obtaining subscribers; let them appoint a treasurer (one of their own number or any other suitable person) to receive all monies collected in the congregation, and forward them as speedily as practicable to the treasurer of the Board of Missions; let a particular day in the year—say Christmas or New Year's day—be appointed on or before which the 50 cent contribution should be paid; and when the appointed day is near at hand, let the pastor be requested to remind the people from the pulpit of their engagements, and say something calculated to excite and cherish among them a missionary spirit; let some suitable person be appointed to call on those who may not have deposited their subscriptions on or before the appointed day, to collect and deliver them to the treasurer; let an accurate list be kept of all subscribers, and let their number of subscribers be annually forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

2. The Session may promote the keeping of mission boxes in the houses of those who are friendly to the Missionary cause, the contents of which may occasionally be deposited with the treasurer of the Session.

3. The Session may take order that collections for the support of Missions be taken up at the Monthly Concerts for prayer, and appropriate the sums col-

ected in such manner as they may judge to be most equitable: and at these concerts information may be given, as indeed it ought to be given, to the people relative to Missionary concerns, and their minds stirred up to pray for and contribute to the support of the Missionary cause.

4. The members of Session can also receive and in a proper way solicit donations of a larger amount than the annual 50 or 25 cent contribution from those who may be able and willing to make such donations: and if any of the members are acquainted with individuals likely to favour the Missionary cause by testamentary bequests, they may in a discreet and delicate manner remind such individuals of the importance of aiding in sending the gospel to the heathen and to the destitute in our own land.

The foregoing presents a simple plan, of easy execution; and if it be followed up with spirit the whole Presbyterian church may in a few years be, as it is most desirable that it should be, actively engaged in missionary operations. But to produce this effect the Sessions must make and continue some active exertions. Now as *personal responsibility* affords the best security for a careful and persevering attention to any business, especially if it be of a public nature, it may be well that each Session should fix on *some individual*, who may attend to the collection of their Missionary funds, and be charged with superintending the whole concern in the congregation. If this office be found burdensome, it may be, after a fixed period, passed from one individual to another. It may also be well if the Session should make it a standing rule to have two meetings at least in a year expressly for the purpose of attending to Missionary concerns. As the minister of every congregation is always the Moderator of its Session, much—very much—will depend on his taking the lead, cordially co-operating, and discreetly and zealously urging forward an attention to Missionary concerns, both in the Session, and generally among the people of his charge: and it is hoped that no minister in the Presbyterian church will refuse his aid, in a matter of such high importance to the Christian church and the salvation of immortal souls as the sending of the gospel to those who are perishing in ignorance and sin.

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BOARD OF MISSIONS.

In anticipation of the next meeting of the *General Assembly*, we embrace this early opportunity to suggest to all the Auxiliaries, and individual patrons and Agents of the Board of Missions, the propriety of having their annual collections and donations in readiness to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Board by the *Commissioners*, who will soon be on their way from different parts of the Church. The monies thus transmitted will come with much greater safety, than by mail, and much expense of postage will be saved to the Board.

We would also respectfully remind our readers, and especially Pastors of churches, of the *annual collections* for the Board of Missions, recommended by the General Assembly to all the congregations in their connexion. In congregations where no Auxiliaries to the Board have yet been organized, it is peculiarly desirable that such a collection should be taken up, and in those where Auxiliaries do exist, it may still be highly expedient to take up a collection, as there are undoubtedly some persons in all such congregations, who, although they have not become members of an Auxiliary, would esteem it a privilege to contribute something, in this way, to aid in Missionary operations. If each of our churches should take up but a very small collection, the aggregate amount would be considerable, and we earnestly hope the opportunity of thus doing a *little* will be afforded to all, who may be disposed to aid in the benevolent operations of this Board.

As we always have desired, and do still desire, that "the churches should be left entirely to their own unbiassed and deliberate choice of the particular channel through which their charities shall flow forth to bless the perishing," we shall rest our appeal to them for help on a plain and simple statement of such facts, in relation to the doings and necessities of the Board of Missions, as may be calculated to aid them in estimating our claims to their patronage and prayers.

It may not be improper for us to state, that the Board have been greatly encouraged and animated in their arduous and highly responsible work, by the very frequent assurances which they have received from Presbyteries, Synods, particular churches, and highly respectable individuals in almost every section of the church, of their increasing interest in the cause of Domestic Missions, their confidence in the Board, and their earnest desire for the extension and success of its Missionary operations. With these assurances of interest and confidence, numerous *pledges* have been given of enlarged and liberal patronage.—That these encouraging pledges have been, already in some good degree, faithfully redeemed, will sufficiently appear from the following statement.

The whole number of commissions which have been given to Missionaries and Agents, since the month of May last, (including those which then remained to be fulfilled,) is 178. Of these commissions, 110 were given for 1 year, 28 for 6 months, 11 for 3 months, and the balance for shorter periods. The amount of time embraced in these commissions, is upwards of 132 years, and the whole amount of expense to the Board, is about $18,000. The average expense of each year's ministerial labour is about $137. In 80 of the commissions for 1 year, the Board are pledged for only $100, and in 16 more, for a still smaller sum. But 14 commissions for a year have been issued, at an expense to the Board of *more* than $100 each, and in *one* instance only has an annual appropriation to a Missionary exceeded $200. The balance of the commissions have been given for a shorter term than a year, and generally with a small appropriation from the Board. Very few have been employed by the month, as *all* formerly were, with full Missionary pay.

To enable the Board to meet these engagements with their Missionaries and Agents, they have already been furnished, since the 1st of May, with funds to the amount of 10 or 12,000 dollars. They have the pledges of nearly 30 individuals for the payment of $100 each, and for the balance they rely with confidence on the annual payments of Auxiliaries, the donations of individuals, and the contributions of the churches.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Cry of the Needy.

The following application for aid from a feeble church in West Tennessee, dated Gibson county, December 27th, 1829, presents an appeal so truly affecting and powerful, that we cannot refrain from presenting it to our readers, just as it has been submitted to the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions. It is only *one* of *many* communications of a similar nature now upon our files. As our limits will permit us only to make *occasional selections* from the numerous appeals of this kind which we receive from different and distant parts of the country, we publish this as a *fair specimen* of the whole. The truly catholic, liberal and missionary spirit exhibited in this letter is worthy of all imitation. The elders of this church, before they even ask for aid, prepare the way for securing annually to this Board, an amount of money equal to *one fourth* of all that they feel themselves able to raise for the support of the gospel among themselves, and even then they ask for but *half the time* of a Missionary, and assign as their reason, "*we could not, while there is such a wide field for missionary labour all around us,* ask for more than half of a preacher's labours." Will no one *respond* to the call of the New Shiloh church? Let our young candidates read, and pause, and consider.

Dear Sir,—In behalf of a feeble, destitute church, whose spiritual government, under Christ, is entrusted in our hands, we now undertake to address the Board of Missions. New Shiloh, the church whose cause we now endeavor to plead, is the only Presbyterian church, in connexion with the General Assembly, that is organized in our county. It was organized by the Rev. Samuel Hodge, in 1826; it then consisted of twelve members, but four of whom were males. In this weak state it struggled through many difficulties till the spring of 1828, when Mr. Hodge commenced preaching to us every fourth Sabbath. In the fall and winter of the same year, God was pleased to bless his labours amongst us with a season of refreshing from His gracious presence, one effect of which was a considerable accession to our number of members. Our preacher lived at the distance of eighteen miles, and we were thus deprived almost entirely of the benefit of any ministerial labor except preaching. Yet, notwithstanding this great disadvantage, our state, upon the whole, was prosperous during his ministrations amongst us.—But now, in the providence of God, we are deprived of his labors. The cries of the destitute have induced him to remove to the south-west part of the district. We have been in the habit of looking up to him as a father, and now that he has left us, we feel destitute indeed, and we would utterly despair, were it not that we trust that the great King of Zion, who has planted this little vine, and has nourished and defended it thus far, will yet provide for its safety; and under Him, we now direct our eyes to the Assembly's Board for assistance. We have, about a week since, organized ourselves into a Missionary Society auxiliary to your Board, and we are now collecting our first subscription.—We will be able to raise about fifteen dollars for your funds. We trust we feel disposed to support the preaching of the Gospel amongst us to the utmost of our ability, but we are very far from being able to give an adequate support to a preacher at this time. Could you provide us a suitable man to live and labor amongst us the half of his time, (for we could not, while there is such a wide field for missionary labor all around us, ask for more than the half of a preacher's labors,) we should be able to give him towards his support, about sixty dollars in money; besides we could help a man living amongst us considerably in other ways. And was there a preacher located here, there would be no lack for places in our country around, (for it is all missionary ground,) where he might employ the other part of his time and probably obtain something more towards his support. You may probably think that the sum we have named, that we could give, is very small, but the difficulties under which we labor in this newly settled country are such, that it is utterly impossible for us to give much. There are none of us rich, and the greater part of us are poor and have young families to support. And now we have given you a plain unvarnished account of our situation. We would now ask you, in the name of that Redeemer who bought the church with his blood, can you furnish this part of his flock with a shepherd to go out and in before them and feed them according to his word? The greater part of our members have only made a profession of the religion of Jesus

within a year past. We very much fear that these lambs will be scattered in this wilderness, where there is so much that is calculated to lead them astray, unless they speedily be provided with some one to watch over them and to guide them in the footsteps of the flock. Unless you can send us a man, and assist us in supporting him, we know of no other source from whence we can expect aid. There are but four Presbyterian preachers in all the western district. And now we would ask you, and we wish you to answer, as to the great Master whom you serve, Shall all our hopes be vain respecting our little church? Shall our children grow up in this wilderness destitute of the means of grace? Shall there be no one to warn our neighbors and friends, who are yet living in sin, of their danger, and invite them to a crucified Saviour? Is there no young man, who has lately emerged from some of the schools of the prophets in our land, that will direct his eyes towards this western wilderness? or is there no minister of Jesus, who lives in more favored parts of Zion, who begins to feel for the destitute, and who will hear the Macedonian cry from New Shiloh? We have no advantages of a pecuniary nature to offer him—we can only plead our necessities and those of the cause of our Redeemer. A man that would labor here should be able to endure hardness as a good soldier, he should not be easily discouraged, and he should have his heart warm with zeal for the cause of his Master. No other would be useful. Our county is situated in the centre of the western district, it is fertile and healthy, and is settling very fast. Our church is about eight miles south of Trenton, the seat of justice of this county. There is no Presbyterian church to the north of us within one hundred miles that we know of, and on the west there is none between us and the Pacific Ocean, with the exception perhaps of Little Rock, Arkansas. We think the Assembly's Board should direct their attention to these destitute parts. We rejoiced to hear that you had appointed a Missionary at Memphis—this is in the south western extremity of our district, and no doubt is an important post; but a dozen at least might be usefully employed in this district. We are, dear sir, your fellow laborers in the Lord,

John Allison,
Allen M'Dougald,
Joseph Allison,
John C. Gillespie,
And'w M'Cleary.
Elders of New Shiloh Church.

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

Pennsylvania.

Report of the Rev. John L. Grant, Pastor of the Vine street church, Philadelphia, Feb. 19, 1830.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—In accordance with the instructions contained in my commission, I herewith present you a report of my labors during the past six months in the 11th Presbyterian church in this city.

I commenced my duties among this people on the first Sabbath in August. Their prospects were exceedingly gloomy at the time, and had it not been for your seasonable aid, they could not have existed as a church. Their building was not only incomplete, but under the pressure of a very heavy debt, the congregation small, not exceeding fifty, and the church numbering but twenty-four communicants. They had a Sabbath school attached to the church, in which about sixty children were in attendance.

Such were my prospects, and such the state of this people, when I accepted their call, and under your auspices, commenced my labors. Our prospects however have brightened, and the success with which I have been favored should call forth my liveliest gratitude. The number who now regularly attend on the preached word, I do not know, as we are still worshipping in the basement story of the building, the main room being yet unfinished, but I presume our congregations vary from three to six hundred in attendance. The first Sabbath in November last, we celebrated the ordinance of the Lord's supper, when there were forty-eight added to our little church, twenty-three of whom were admitted on examination, and the principal part of the remaining number were young men, the fruits of a precious season of grace enjoyed while I was laboring among the young men as the city Sunday School Missionary. During the last month our communion season again occurred, when we received an accession of thirty-three members, so that the church which numbered but twenty-four at the time I commenced my labors, has now increased to one hundred and five. The majority of our communicants are *male* members. The number of learners in our Sabbath Schools, of which we now have four, is five hundred and fifty.

My time is fully employed, preaching three times on every Sabbath, and having some engagement every evening in the week. The afternoon of the Lord's

day I devote to the instruction of my Sunday Schools, delivering to the children a familiar lecture on some portion of scripture history, adapting my language and address to their capacities. The utility of this plan is becoming more apparent, and I rejoice to find that several of the ministers in our city have adopted a similar mode. As many parents as can be accommodated give their attendance, and seem to be pleased with the attention paid to their children—from six to eight hundred parents and youth attend. I have from the commencement kept up a Female Bible class, which I view as one of my most interesting exercises; it meets on Tuesday evenings at my dwelling, and our average attendance is seventy. No particular portion of Scripture is assigned to the class. Every member is privileged to propose such doctrinal or practical questions as she may think proper —the questions are proposed at one meeting of the class and receive attention the following week. My reason for adopting this plan in preference to any other, was to furnish an opportunity to those, who hitherto have enjoyed no other means of acquiring a knowledge of what was *Presbyterianism*, except from such as are unfriendly to its interests. Wednesday evenings I lecture to Sabbath School teachers and others, using "The Union Questions" with a view of aiding the teachers in explaining the Scriptures to their classes.—These lectures are attended by one hundred and fifty or two hundred persons. The remaining evenings of the week are devoted to prayer meetings, all of which are well attended. We observe the monthly concert prayer meeting, as also the monthly concert for Sabbath Schools on the second Monday evening of the month. At both our concerts we take up collections to aid your Board in their operations, and also the American Sunday School Union. From this source we have been enabled to pay into your treasury $39, which together with our auxiliary to your Board, and forty-two subscribers to the Missionary Reporter, will serve to show that our people are inclined "to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to *give* than to receive." In conclusion, I remark, that the present state of things with us should not only awaken gratitude, but enkindle our zeal. We still have wants —money to pay the debt on our building and to finish our house, and more love to Christ and to souls, so that we may be urged to increased fidelity in the work of our master. Yours, &c.

INDIANA.

From the Rev. Wm. Sickles, a Missionary in Rush county, dated Indianapolis, Dec. 15, 1829.

"During the summer, much has been done in the cause of Sabbath Schools in Rush county, and much of the prejudice against them seems to have been removed. There have been in operation in different parts of the county six Sabbath Schools, some of which will be continued during the winter, and it is intended to make still more vigorous exertions the next season to increase these institutions. In this country, where common schools are so scarce, and where so many are deprived of their advantages, the multiplication of Sabbath Schools is exceedingly desirable, even without estimating the moral and religious influence which they are adapted to exert upon the rising generation.

I have formed in Rush county a Missionary Association, on the plan recommended by the Assembly's Board, and designed to aid its operations, which it is expected will raise about $30 per annum. But as our arrangements are not completed, I make at this time no regular return of the names of the members. There has also been recently formed in the county a Temperance Society, which promises to exert a very salutary influence. The subject of intemperance is beginning to excite a very lively interest in this western country. A delegation from different parts of the state, met in Indianapolis on the 10th inst. and formed a State Temperance Society.—The meeting was a highly interesting one. Many of the members of both houses of the legislature were present and active in its proceedings. It is a cause which is enlisting much of the *political* as well as the religious influence of the community in this, as well as in other parts of the union. There has also been formed here during the past week, a State Bible Society, and measures are in train, which it is hoped will result in placing a copy of the word of life in every destitute family in this state within the period contemplated by the American Bible Society. A State Colonization Society has also been very recently formed with encouraging prospects. During the past and present week, meetings of all these Societies, with that of the State Sabbath School Society, have been held. And from the great number of strangers present, and from the general and lively interest taken in their proceedings, the most favorable results are anticipated.

I have received several numbers of the "Missionary Reporter," &c. and shall endeavor to give it as wide a circulation as possible. Something of this kind was very much wanting, and could it be sent monthly, into every Presbyterian family, it would awaken a zeal on the subject of Missions which would be followed by the happiest consequences. Give to our people generally information on the subject of Domestic Missions, and they will give you their aid, though that aid may be feeble."

From the Rev. I. A. Ogden, Fairfield, Franklin co. Dec. 1, 1829.

Since my report in April last, I have preached 93 sermons and lectures; administered the Lord's Supper 6 times in the Church of Bath, 3 times, in a school-house near the state line 6½ miles east of the church of Bath once, and in the congregation of Somerset on the W. Whitewater twice—Have received into communion, 15 into Bath church, 8 of these were on certificate; and 2 on certificate into Somerset church—Have baptized in Bath church 5 adults and 26 children—Have attended a number of inquiry and prayer meetings—Have distributed a number of tracts and copies of the Christian Almanac for 1830—Have attended two meetings of Presbytery and one of Synod. Besides the monthly concert of prayer, there are weekly prayer meetings regularly attended in the immediate vicinity of the church and in the village of Fairfield. Our females have also a meeting for prayer and conference.

Since I have given my attention almost wholly to this church I have endeavoured to bring my operations into regular order. On Sabbath morning I preach in the church (at 11 o'clock) in the afternoon I preach in some distant neighbourhood; usually on the 1st Sabbath of the month in the western, on the 2d in the eastern, on the 3d in the northern, and on the 4th in the southern quarter of the congregation. I spend the Friday evening of every week in certain seasons, in preaching in these four quarters in rotation; so that each quarter of the congregation is visited one Sabbath day in every month and one week day in every month, during certain seasons in the year favourable for night meetings. I also lecture nearly every Thursday evening in the village of Fairfield. Other appointments are occasionally made. In attending funerals I usually preach a sermon. The order of my appointments is sometimes interrupted by circumstances. Sometimes I extend my excursions into more remote settlements. We have also an inquiry meeting held usually every month, at these I sometimes preach or lecture.

ILLINOIS.

From Mr. Isaac Bennet, Carmi, White co. Jan. 2, 1830.

I preached for the first time at Carmi, Oct. 25th. The welcome with which my arrival was hailed by the brethren of Carmi and Sharon, was attended with that joy and cordiality, which might have been anticipated from a people who had long been looking to God for aid, and anxiously expecting it to come through your Board. Hearing their expressions of tearful gratitude to the Great Head of the church for sending, in answer to their Macedonian cry, a labourer so weak and unworthy as I felt myself to be, my inmost soul was grieved, that you had not sent them a Missionary more worthy of such a reception—such a reception, I am persuaded I should never have met, if they had been as well acquainted with me as I was with myself.

The system of labour, which, in conference with brother Spillman, I have adopted; requires me to visit the churches of Carmi and Sharon (the two especial places of my destination) on alternate Sabbaths, at each of which I preach 2, 3, or 4 times before I depart. The distance between the two places is too great to admit of my preaching at both places on the same Sabbath, while the shortness of the days continues; but when they lengthen and the roads become more passable it is my intention to preach in the morning at one church and in the afternoon at the other on every Sabbath, if it be thought expedient.

The secular days of one week I have devoted to visiting the families of those two congregations, talking to saints and sinners during the day, and preaching during the evening. In the midst of each of the three remaining weeks of the month, I make an excursion in the surrounding vast moral desolation which meets the eye and effects the heart in every direction; where multitudes of immortal beings are living unnoticed in *miserable* cabins, and daily dying in ignorance of a Saviour. Many of them have no books, and not a few cannot read when the Bible or tracts are presented to them. I think that no person, who possesses the spirit of Christ, can, without uttering pitiful sighs from his

inmost heart, view this immense valley of dry bones, through which I am riding, where multitudes with melancholly truth may utter with dying groans "No man careth for my soul." In these weekly excursions I visit four little churches alternately once a month, preaching 2 or 3 times at each one before I leave it. One of these churches lies 17 miles south—one 40 west—one 30 and another 40 north of Carmi. All of them are destitute of a preacher, one of which had not heard a sermon from a minister of their own order for two years; hence with all my unworthiness "they received me as an angel of God." And in ranging from place to place, I preach to people of every name and condition, wherever I can get them assembled (which is no difficult task) distributing tracts among them as I meet them in the way, or talk to them in their cabins about a crucified Saviour. You are probably by this time, Dear Sir, ready to think, that I have forgotten my commission, which assigned to me Carmi and Sharon only as a field of labour — and that my operations are not sufficiently concentrated to prove successful any where. And I am not altogether without my fears on this subject. But even if the course be obviously imprudent, the temptation to it is too strong for me to resist—I cannot endure the thought of confining myself to Carmi and Sharon, while I am surrounded by such a moral desolation "in which is much land yet to be possessed," and while I see a number of infant churches, which have been organized by the indefatigable labour of a brother missionary who preceded me, pining away with their "harps hanging on the willows."

As to my prospects here—since it has been my privilege to act in the service of your Board, for which I bless God especially that in his adorable providence, he has directed me to this place; I have had many discouragements and trials to encounter, which, together with a sense of the weighty responsibilty resting upon one who possesses so little strength and experience to sustain it, at first much depressed my spirits; but I trust it has urged me nearer to Him that is almighty, and who has promised—"Lo I am with you always even to the end of the world," from which I have derived much sweet consolation. But while the humiliating thought and fear, that much of my time and labour is lost some how through my unfaithfulness, have given me much sorrow; yet I think the Lord has not left me without some cause of devout gratitude for his mercy; and admiration of his condecending grace in blessing the feeble labours of so unworthy an instrument; which I much feared he could never consistently do. There are some circumstances attending my weekly exersions thro' the surrounding country, which, I have the cheering hope, are indications of something good. In most instances crowded assemblies have convened with very short warning, & when the appointments have been sometime previously made they have come a number of miles, & even females walking with their infant offspring through dense forrests and miry prairies. And with a few exceptions these concourses have manifested a commendable attention, and sometimes even a deep and solemn interest, which not unfrequently is expressed by their sighs and tears.—Then adapting them to their condition as well as I can, I give each of them a tract, or distribute as many among them as my stock will afford. And when I pass that way again I exchange tracts with them, by which means my stock of tracts does not diminish so fast. I have been much encouraged in this work by hearing of two or three instances in which the Lord has, I trust, signally blessed these tracts to the souls of men; which I would here relate, if this report had not already exceeded all excusable bounds.

At Carmi I have discovered no very hopeful symptoms;—the attention of a few to divine things appears to have been arrested; but in general, I can only say there is no more than an ordinary and commendable respect paid to the gospel. On my arrival here I was rejoiced to find Carmi the seat of a county Bible Society. And recently we have organized a Sabbath School there under auspices which appear encouraging. At Sharon our prospects have been more animating. A few mercy drops which have fallen there, are indications of the presence of the Holy Spirit attending the means of grace especially that of family visitation, which are, I think, cause of devout gratitude and joy to as many of us as have any heart to pray "thy kingdom come." Several have been awakened and 6 or 8 with whom I have personally conversed are indulging a glimmering hope—but at this early stage of things I think it prudent to say but little; for we have cause to rejoice with much trembling; and to mingle our gratitude with penitent mourning, for at present a cloud seems to be drawing over our prospects. Pray for us, for we greatly need an interest

in the prayers of your Board, as well as in your other kind aid.

The following is the amount of my labours in the service of your Board—during the course of about two months (for near one month was spent in my journey,) I have preached 52 times—travelled 655 miles—assisted brother Spillman in two sacramental or four days meetings—established the Monthly Concert at Carmi and Sharon—assisted in organizing one Sabbath School—attended weekly a small Bible Class—formed two Tract Societies, being now engaged in the attempt to organize four others, which (if I succeed) I design to from into some kind of a union, that they may act in concert—and distributed about 3900 pages of tracts; some of which, I have recalled and distributed several times—visited 28 families, exclusive of many in my preaching excursions.

From the Rev. B. F. Spillman, Shawneetown, Dec. 31, 1829.

"Since we have become favored with another laborer in the bounds formerly occupied by myself alone, the field of my labors is less extensive; but I trust the benefit resulting from them is not diminished, but increased. The distance travelled by me is less, and perhaps also the number of sermons preached. But more time can now be employed by me in the discharge of duties which are more naturally expected of a pastor than of an evangelist. I spend two Sabbaths in each month in Shawneetown, on which I preach twice, at 11 o'clock, and at candle lighting, besides attending the Sabbath school. We have stated preaching here also on Thursday evening of each week. My leisure hours are spent in visiting, distributing tracts, &c. The remainder of the Sabbaths are spent between Equality and Golconda. Since this concentration of my labors, there has been an increase in attention to preaching, particularly in Shawneetown, which is truly encouraging; and there is reason to believe that the Spirit of God is in some good degree at work. And we are still much encouraged at Equality and Golconda.

During the months of November and December, I have travelled 212 miles, preached 32 sermons, administered the Lord's supper twice, received into communion three persons, visited a considerable number of families, and distributed several hundred pages of tracts, &c. I have also obtained three more subscribers for the interesting Missionary Reporter and Education Register."

Ohio.

From the Rev. H. Van Deman, Delaware, Ohio, Feb. 1, 1830.

"Since my last communication to you I have endeavored to act the part of a faithful Missionary of the cross of Christ. I have preached 14 sermons, delivered 3 exhortations, travelled 130 miles, baptized 2 adults and 3 infants, administered the Lord's supper once, added 10 to the communion of the church, 8 on examination and 2 on certificate, and visited 117 families. In these families there were 174 parents, and 508 children and youths. With each of these families I spent something like two hours, in questions and instructions relative to the doctrines and practice of our holy religion. With the parents and youth I conversed freely and familiarly as to the discharge of their duties, and their hope of acceptance with God through a Redeemer. The duties of professors of religion were, with a few exceptions, pretty well observed and discharged. Family religion, morning and evening prayer generally not neglected. The children have been much benefitted by Sabbath school instruction, wherever attended by them, and it was perceived at once what children had, and what children had not been sent to these sacred schools.—While the former were willing and glad to see us, and converse with us and answer our questions, the latter would see us and talk with us only by compulsion. In these family or pastoral visits, I found great pleasure and satisfaction in the account which many of my fellow travellers gave of their success in their Christian course in the midst of much darkness and many sore conflicts. One thing worthy of remark, wherever darkness and sorrow brooded over the mind, and wherever the evidence of acceptance with God was doubtful or unsatisfactory as far as I visited, there it was unhesitatingly acknowledged that the cause was unfaithfulness on their part in the use of the appointed means of grace. And wherever I found any unregenerated, without God and without hope in the world, there I have also found either an entire or partial neglect of the means appointed for the accomplishment of this work of regeneration and hope.

I do not make this remark, because I believe the work of sanctification or

regeneration is effected through the use of the means alone. I believe no such thing. For it is the blessing of God that maketh rich, and giveth efficacy to the means. But I make this remark, because I have not known one solitary case of either conversion or growth in grace without the use of the appointed means, but many with, and in the use thereof.

Part of the time in these family visits an elder of the church attended with me. We closed our examination in each family with prayer.

From the Rev. Abner Leonard, Truro, Jan. 5th, 1830.

"I administered the Lord's Supper last Sabbath, assisted by brother Chute, Missionary in the Ohio State Prison.—Public worship commenced on Friday, and continued four days; and I am not without strong impressions that good has been effected. In family visitations yesterday evening and to-day, I have discovered two cases of conviction, and one of hopeful conversion. We admitted to communion one on examination, and three by recommendation, without certificates. The number in communion is fifty-two. I baptized four infants.—About thirty young persons attended the Bible class lately commenced here. I find the meeting with this class to be an agreeable part of my duty, and I trust will be found very useful to all concerned. The exercises consist of prayer, reading the scriptures, and a free conference by way of question and answer, sometimes from Judson. In this way we spend about three hours generally, and I find the opportunity very favorable to insist on practical religion, and bring the important considerations of the Gospel into closer contact with the heart and conscience than I can well do in sermonizing.

The people of Truro have consented that one-third of my time shall be spent at Lithopolis, a small town ten miles south of this place, for one year. There is a small and scattered flock there—appearances unfavorable for several years. I have preached to them five times, and hope that by prudent and persevering labor, they may be collected together. Their subscription for one-third of my labors will fall short of $100. The subscription in Truro a little exceeds $200."

From the Rev. W. J. Frazier, Springfield, Clark co. Jan. 30, 1830.

"When I commenced laboring here, the number of communicants was twenty-nine; there was no Sabbath school, no Tract society, no prayer meetings, no place of worship except the naked walls of a house, without gavels or roof. There are now 52 members in communion—a flourishing Sabbath school with from 50 to 100 scholars. We have a Tract society which has put in circulation between 70 and 80 volumes, and thirty thousand pages of loose Tracts. Prayer meetings were kept up regularly through the year, and we have one of the best places of worship in this valley completed, except pewing."

From Mr. G. W. Warner, Coshocton, Dec. 1829.

"A Female Tract Society has recently been organized in each congregation. The object of forming these societies, was not so much for the aid their small contributions would afford the Tract cause, as for exciting an interest in such benevolent institutions, and by this means paving the way for future usefulness. Yet we can with much satisfaction inform you that $15 have already been raised for the purchase of Tracts. Of course a little sum will be thrown into the treasury of the American Tract Society, and many messengers of salvation will go about us doing good.

The subject of intemperance is now agitated among us. What will be done here remains yet to be determined.—Many deplore the evil effects of ardent spirits, and some have begun to act upon the principles of entire abstinence.

By the November number of the Missionary Reporter and Education Register, we perceived that the applications to the Board of Education were very numerous, and the means of the Board wholly inadequate to answer these urgent and interesting demands.—This circumstance led a few individuals in this town, to contribute a small sum, which, we hope, has reached that Board previous to the present time. I state this fact merely to show the value and importance of information on these subjects."

From the Rev. J. D. Hughes, Springfield, Portage county, Jan. 8, 1830.

"Since the last report, the attention of the youth has been called to the shorter chatechism. Two days have been appropriated to this exercise with considerable interest.

In co-operation with the Portage county Tract society, in the "monthly

distribution," each family in this town will in a few days, be furnished with a religious Tract. Favorable results are anticipated among us from this method of carrying truth to every house.

The temperance reformation continues to gain advocates among us, and the exertions made in the same cause in a number of the adjoining towns meet with flattering success.

The period of service specified in my commission closes with this report. I continue to labor with this people, but the aid of the Board is not deemed necessary.

In retiring therefore, for the present, from the service of the Board, my prayer is that the good work in which you are engaged, may be yet more abundantly blessed of the Lord; and that you may be the happy instruments of making glad the hearts of many who are yet as sheep scattered in the wilderness."

REPORTS OF AGENTS.

With a view of presenting to our readers more distinctly than we have hitherto done, the evidence with which were abundantly furnished, of the very great importance and utility of *Missionary Agencies*, it is our purpose in future to give brief abstracts of their reports. From them it will be perceived, that while these laborers are affording to the Board essential and indispensable aid, by the organization of permanent Auxiliaries, by collecting funds and procuring subscriptions for our monthly publication, they are at the same time diligently engaged in preaching the Gospel, and that too with far greater frequency than can reasonably be expected of ordinary Missionaries, who do not act as Agents. We commence our present notices with extracts from several reports of the Rev. *Thomas Barr*, a very efficient and successful Agent in

OHIO.

Under date of Oct. 6th, 1829, Mr. Barr thus writes—

"Since my last, in a tour of *three weeks*, I have travelled 230 miles, preached 12 times, assisted once at the administration of the Lord's supper, baptized 5 children, obtained 25 subscribers for the confession of faith, formed 6 Auxiliaries to the Board, and distributed about 300 pages of Tracts, besides several visits to sick persons, conversing and praying with them. In all places where I had the opportunity of presenting the claims of the Board, I was well received, and the subscriptions were quite as numerous, and indeed more so than I could have previously expected."

The amount subscribed in the 6 Auxiliaries was $176 37½.

From the same, Nov. 3, 1829.

I have formed 6 auxiliaries within these ten days. The amount of subscriptions in all these for the present year, will, I doubt not, exceed $220.—The amount I have received is but a small part of that on subscription. I have now appointments for three weeks before me."

From the same, Nov. 16, 1829.

"To-day, about 12 o'clock, I reached this place, (Zanesville) after a circuit of *two weeks* since my last from here. But two pleasant days the whole time—wet, severe cold, frost, snow, rain, mud, &c. Within this period I have preached 13 times, and formed 7 Auxiliaries. The region through which I have just been is a real Missionary field, a part of it as much so, perhaps, as any in the state. In one congregation, a *poor* member of the church, after hearing the statement, came forward and put down the names of all the members of his family, *eleven* in number. At the same meeting another man put down *eight* names, and by the time we had done, there were double the names that there were hearers."

From the same, Dec. 2, 1829.

"Since my last formal report of Oct. 6th, I have attended one meeting of Synod, assisted at one sacramental occasion, attended 2 prayer meetings where I delivered addresses, preached 33 sermons, formed 21 Auxiliaries to the Board—16 in the Lancaster Presbytery, and 5 in the Richland. From what I know of the extent of subscriptions in these Auxiliaries, I think the amount may fairly be estimated at five or six hundred dollars. I also obtained at least 200 subscribers for the Missionary Reporter, and 170 for the Confession of Faith."

From the same, Feb. 3, 1830.

"Since my last I have formed *five* Auxiliaries, viz. Wooster, Newman's creek, Congress, Mount Hope, and Jeromeville congregations, all in the Richland Presbytery. In none of these but Newman's creek have the subscription papers been filled with all that is

expected to be signed. At Newman's creek it was *all done* on Monday, the 25th, after sermon, in the meeting house; 158 names were put down—44 are heads of separate families; the rest are made up principally from the other members of these families, and a few individuals from other families. In Apple creek (formed in October, but not noticed) there are about 100 names and between 40 and 50 dollars subscribed. In these six Auxiliaries there will be, I trust, $150 or $170 raised for the Board between this and the 1st of April next. During the time engaged in this service in the above congregations, I preached 22 sermons, assisted at 3 sacramental occasions, attended 1 meeting of Presbytery, 2 meetings of session, and solemnized 3 marriages, for which I received $5 50 for the Board."

From the Rev. *Wm. J. Frazer*, Agent of the Board for the Synod of Cincinnati, under date of Jan. 30, 1830.

"On the first of this month I wrote you, giving a statement in relation to my mission. Shortly after writing I commenced my *Agency*, and after having labored *two weeks* among the *feeblest churches* in this country, have returned home, and am now confined to my bed. As soon as I am able to ride, I shall go to work again. I have visited the congregations of Sidney, Piqua, Troy, Honey creek, Bath and Muddy Run. Piqua, Honey creek, and Muddy Run I have organized as Auxiliaries to the Board. Nothing more could be done than commence subscriptions in any of them, the weather being so inclement as to prevent many from attending."

In the above places Mr. F. obtained several subscribers for the Missionary Reporter, Christian Advocate, and Philadelphian, and collected some money for the Board.

KENTUCKY.

Extracts from a report of the Rev. *Simeon H. Crane*, one of the Agents of the Board for this state, dated Lexington, Jan. 28th, 1830.

"You will learn from this communication, that I have spent *six* Sabbaths in the service of the Board of Missions, though every day in the week has not been spent exclusively by me in this delightful and laborious employment.—I have travelled about 250 miles, preached 21 sermons, given several exhortations, and collected $108. I have likewise formed, and prepared the way for forming 18 or 19 Auxiliaries to the Board."

The congregations visited by Mr. C. are the following, viz. in *West Lexington Presbytery*, Mount Horeb, Bethel, Woodford, Versailles and Grier's creek. In *Louisville Presbytery*, Lawrenceburg and Benson. In *Transylvania Presbytery*, Harrodsburg, New Providence, Springfield, Lebanon, Bethel Union, Perryville, Hanging Fork, Buffalo Spring, Paint Lick, Mount Vernon and Lancaster. The churches actually organized into Auxiliaries, and the sums collected and the donations, will be seen in another part of our paper.

"The reason," says the Agent, "why donations are so seldom, is, that an Agent has been employed by the Synod of Kentucky to collect funds from the churches for the endowment of a Theological Professorship in Centre.

"I have only to add, that the plans and operations of the Board meet almost invariably with the cordial approbation, and the prompt and energetic co-operation of the churches which I have visited. I have not met with a successful refusal from any church, and only in one or two instances from individual members. The principal reason of which is, because I have not elicited opposition, but gone straight forward, turning neither to the right hand nor the left to notice any other Missionary Association.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Ohio—Apple Creek, Jeromeville, Mount Hope, Congress, Newman's Creek. *Kentucky*—Mount Horeb, Bethel, Woodford, Versailles, Grier's creek, Harrodsburg, Springfield, Lebanon, Hanging Fork, Buffalo Spring, Paint Lick; Bonhomme, St. Louis co. Missouri.—Before published 240 —Total 257.

☞It is earnestly requested, that all persons, who may hereafter report the formation of Auxiliaries, will be very particular in giving the *post office address of the Session*, and the *county* in which the church is located.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS.

Rev. Ralph Clapp, 1 year, Lyme, Gennessee co. N. Y.

Rev. Duncan M'Intyre, 1 year, Otteny, Mineral Spring, Rocky Fork, and M'Gills; Richmond co. N. C.

Rev. John Andrews, 1 year in two feeble congregations and adjacent Missionary region, in Synod of Pittsburg.

Rev. S. L. Crosby, 3 months, Christiana and Delaware city, Del.

Rev. John R. Bain, 1 year, Sumner co. Tenn.

Rev. Samuel F. Snowden, 1 year, half the time to Evan's Mills, and the other half to Theresa and Pamela, N. Y.

Rev. Abel L. Crandall, 6 weeks, Watson, Lewis co. N. Y.

Rev. David Spear, 1 year, half of his time, Henderson, N. Y.

Rev. Jedediah Burchard, 1 year, Bellville, Jefferson co. N. Y.

Rev. Caleb Burge, 1 year, Ellis Village, Jefferson co. N. Y.

Mr. Michael Carpenter, 1 year, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Watertown, N. Y.

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Re-appointments.

Mr. John Gloucester, 6 months, Reading, Pa.

Rev. Wm. J. Frasier, 1 year, Springfield and other places in the Presbytery of Miami, Ohio.

Rev. Benjamin F. Spillman, 1 year Shawneetown, Illinois.

Treasurers and Agents.

Samuel Thompson, Esq. Pittsburg, Pa. Trearurer of the Board for the Synod of Pittsburg, and Agent for the "Reporter and Register."

D. A. Sayre, Esq. Lexington, Ky. Treasurer of the Board for the Synod of Kentucky, and Agent for the "Reporter and Register."

Levi L. Ward, Esq. Rochester, N. Y. Treasurer of the Board for Rochester and the neighboring country, and Agent for the "Reporter and Register."

☞All Agents, Missionaries and others who may obtain subscribers for the Reporter, are requested to be *particularly careful* to give the *name* and the *post office addresses* of each person in a *fair, legible hand*, and to *mark distinctly* those who have *paid.*

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Elders of the church of Lyme, N. Y.; R. Clapp, N. Y.; W. C. Anderson, N. C.; W. P. Alrich, Tenn.; Trustees and Elders of the Presbyterian church of Christiana, Del.; J. Bennet, Illinois; R. Hall, Va.; R. M. Laird, Md.; J. Thompson, Pa.; Committee of the Presb. church of Troy, Pa.; J. T. Ewing, Geo.; J. Paine, Va.; D. C. Allen, Ohio; A. C. Abernethy, Ky.; Trustees of the congregation of Bucyrus, Ohio; A. G. Morrison, Pa.; J. Talmadge, Geo.; W. H. Williams, N. Y.; A. Heberton, Pa.; W. S. M'Ewen, Tenn.; W. J. Frazier, Ohio; S. Hubbard, N. Y.; J. Moreland, Ohio; W. M'Colm, do.; T. B. Clarke, do.; S. Montgomery, do.; J. Culbertson, do.; D. Page, N. Y.; F. Herron, Pa.; H. Van Deman, Ohio; T. Barr, do.; G. G. Sill, N. Y.; S. H. Crane, Ky.; C. H. Mustard, Del.; M. Dickson, S. C.; R. G. Lynn, Ohio; D. L. Russell, Va.; J. Laboree, Ohio; B. F. Spillman, Ill.; D. Humphreys, S. C.; R. L. Smith, Del.; M. B. Patterson, Pa.; O. Jennings, Tenn.; A. Dean, Ohio; J. H. Monroe, N. Y.; J. R. Boyd, do.; R. Brown, Ohio; J. A. Ogden, Ind.; J. S. Ball, Missouri; J. Purkis, Canada; R. M'Clure, Va.

Notice to Applicants for Missionary aid.

Applications to the Board of Missions, from feeble congregations requesting aid, should always be signed by the Elders or Trustees, and contain a minute statement of the circumstances and necessities of the congregation, and be accompanied also, by a certificate and recommendation of the *Corresponding Executive Committee of the Presbytery*, if there be one, and if not, of *two responsible members* of the Presbytery. The *Missionary* also, should be recommended in the same way.

Notice to Presbyteries.

The particular attention of Presbyteries is respectfully invited to the plan of "*Corresponding Executive Commttees,*" recommended by the Board of Missions, and published in the January number of the Reporter. At the next stated meetings of the Presbyteries, it is hoped that all who are disposed to co-operate with this Board, will have such committees appointed. It is very desirable and important that the *names and address* of such committees, and especially those of the Secretary and Treasurer, should be forwarded, without delay, to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions.

It is desirable, also, that each of the "Corresponding Executive Committees," should have a meeting, immediately after their appointment, for the purpose of reducing to writing a minute statement of all the Missionary fields and stations within their respective bounds; of the feeble congregations desirous of aid, and of the Missionaries who may be recommended to this Board for appointments. And it is requested that such statement be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board by the Commissioners to the Assembly.

ACCOUNT OF CASH RECEIVED

By the Board of Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, for the month of February, 1830.

Allentownship, Pa. Avails of the Ladies sewing soc'y. per Rev. A. Heberton,	15 00
Abington, Pa. Annual subscription from Pres. church, per Rev. Mr. Steel,	10 00
Bethany, From Pres. congregation under the Pastoral care of Rev. M. Jeffery, per Mr. Saml. Thompson, Tr. - - - - -	87 62
Boston, Mass. Monthly concert coll. in the 2d Pres church, per Rev. S. A. Bumstead, - - - - - - - - -	15 00

Bethel, Ky. From Auxiliary society, per Rev, S. H. Crane,			4 00
Buffalo Spring, Ky. do do do do . do			6 00
Fairfield, Ohio, Donation per Rev. W. J. Frasier,			00 50
Frankford, Pa. Annual coll. in Pres. church, per Rev. Mr. Biggs,			33 75
Frederick, Ohio, Subscription in Pres. church per Jno. M'Kinny,	$9 50		
Grier's Creek, Ky. From Aux. society, per. Rev. S. H. Crane,	2 00		
Do do donation from Mrs. Maldron, do do	10 00		
Do do do do W. P. Smith, do do	2 00		
Do do do do D. Nelson, do do	1 00		15 00
Germantown, Pa. Missionary Box at Manual Labour Academy, per Rev. J. Monteith,			1 50
Harts Log, Huntingdon co. From Pres. church per Rev. J. Peebles,			4 00
Hanover, Dauphin co. Pa. Donation from Rev. Jas. Snodgrass, per Dr. S. Agnew,			10 00
Harrodsburgh, Ky. From Aux. society, per Rev. S. H. Crane,			17 00
Hanging Fork, do do do do do			6 50
Illinois, Donation from Rev. B. F. Spillman, Miss'y. of the Board,			5 00
Knowlton, N. J. Coll. in Pres. church per Rev. T. Talmage,			1 87
Lebanon, Ky. From Aux. society per S. H. Crane,			4 50
Mercer, Pa. Coll. in Pres. church, under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. Allen, per Mr. S. Thompson, Tr.			15 00
Muskingum, Ohio, Add. annual subscription of Pres. congregation per Rev. J. Culbertson,			4 00
Mount Horeb, Ky. From Aux. society per Rev. S. H. Crane			2 50
Manayunk, Pa. Coll. in Pres. church, per Rev. A. Coe,			3 00
Norwich, Ohio, Annual subscription in part of Pres. congregation per Rev. J. Culbertson,			8 75
Newton, Ohio, Coll. in Pres. church per Mr. M. Gillespie,			17 00
New Providence, Ky. Monthly coll. do Rev. S. H. Crane,			23 50
Newtown, Pa. From Aux. society balance of last year's subscription, per Mr. J. Watson,			2 50
Ohio. Amount of three wedding fees, from Rev. T. Barr			5 50
Philadelphia. Donation from Mr. Wm. F. Geddes	5 76		
Annual sub. 1st Pres. church, per Rev. R. B. Campfield	148 50		
Donation from Miss Ann Easton, do. do.	2 00		
Annual subscription 4th Presb. church	3 00		
Donation from Mr. Thos. Spratt	5 00		
Annual subscription 6th Pres. church, per Mr. J. Crowell	100 00		
Annual do. of Aux'y of 7th do. Rev. Mr. Engles	4 50		
Annual do. in part of 8th do.	35 00		
Monthly collection in 11th do. since Sept. last, per Mr. Sprague	17 50		
From Auxiliary society 11th Presb. Church	2 50		
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Princess Ann. (near) Annual sub. in Presb. church. per Rev. R. M. Laird			14 00
Raccoon. From Presb. church, under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. Allen, per S. Thompson, Tr.			40 61
Salem, N. J. Additional annual sub. of Presb. church, per Rev. J. Burt			7 00
Springfield, Ky. From Auxiliary Society, per Rev. S. H. Crane			6 50
Shippensburg. Annual sub. in Presb. church, per Rev. H. R. Wilson,	15 00		
Donation from do.	10 00		
Do. from S. D. per do.	5 00		
			30 00
Troy, Ohio. From Auxiliary Society, per Rev. W. J. Frasier			11 31
Trenton, N. J. Annual subscription of Presb. church, per Rev. J. W. Alexander			30 00
Tuscarora Valley. Collection in do. do. do. John Coulter			24 00
Upper Mount Bethel. Do. do. do. do. T. Talmage			3 50
Versailles, Ky. From Auxiliary Society, per Rev. S. H. Crane			7 50
Woodford, Ky. Do. do. do. do.			15 00
Zanesville, Ohio. Additional sub. of Presb. church, per Rev. J. Culbertson			44 50
Missionary Reporter. From sundry subscribers			136 50
SOLOMON ALLEN, *Treasurer,* *No.* 18, *South Third Street.*			$1,022 67

Note. The amount acknowledged in the January number from the Rev. E. Washburn, should have been as follows—

From Marion co. Ohio, by Rev. E. Washburn	12 06
Do. Blenden, Franklin co. Ohio, per do.	25 00

THE
EDUCATION REGISTER.

EDITED BY WILLIAM NEILL, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

[Continued from page 96.]

In our last it was observed, that disappointments are to be expected in prosecuting the great work in training our youth for the gospel ministry. In the progress of time, it is likely they will appear in different forms. Let us look at them.

Some of our beneficiaries, after having obtained a collegiate education, may abandon their views of the ministry, and direct their studies for another profession. Yet our charity may not be wholly lost; for these young men may become distinguished in the practice of medicine or of law, or rank among the first of their country's statesmen; and may, in subsequent life, be visited by divine grace, & although they never enter the sacred ministry, they may, in the profession in which they are called to fellowship with God in Christ, prove eminent blessings to the church, as well as to the world.

Some, by intense application to study and neglect of bodily exercise, may bring on disease and premature death. Their Redeemer may call them home to himself, before they are permitted to enter on that great and honourable employment for which they are preparing with such unrestrained and undisciplined ardour. It will be the business of the Executive Committee to watch over the youth committed to their care, and to caution them against such unadvised waste of health in the prosecution of their studies, and to endeavour to preserve their lives for future usefulness.—Yet with all their care, cases of disappointment in this form will probably occur; it is often so difficult to convince young students of the necessity of paying attention to the preservation of health by a due degree of daily corporeal exercise; and disease induced by study comes on so imperceptibly, and seizes on the constitution with a deadly grasp before it has given a warning, that we have reason to fear; we shall be called to mourn over some of our fairest flowers nipt by the chilling frost of death; just as they are beginning to unveil their beauties and to send forth their fragrance. And what shall the church do under such afflictive disappointments? shall she regret the expenditure of money laid out on the education of her children? By no means.—Let her imitate the conduct of a wise and pious parent in similar circumstances. Let her console herself in reflecting that her beloved sons, from whose services she had expected much advantage, have gone, in the morning of their days, to their rest in glory, and that their Lord and Master was pleased to advance them from a station in his church on earth to a higher station in his church in heaven. Let her reflect that such disappointments are intended to try her faith and her patience in well doing.

But greater disappointments, more distressing occurrences than these may try us in the course of our labours.—Youths of no piety, by artful dissimulation, participating of the charity of the church, may pass through all the trials preparatory to licensure, and enter with high reputation on the work of the ministry; acquire great popularity, preach to oveflowing assemblies, and obtain distinguished stations in the church; and then, after the lapse of a few years, begin to propagate some destructive heresy, and create schisms in the church; or forfeit their reputation by abandoning themselves to some degrading vice, and cut themselves off from the honours and work of that holy office, to which they were never called by the head of the church, and which they have degraded by their unhallowed assumption. Such disappointments will make the heart of piety bleed.—But despondency should not follow.—Such occurrences are to be expected.—

The Saviour has taught us to look for them. They will read us a painful lesson on human depravity and the great deceitfulness of the unsanctified heart. Still we may console ourselves by recollecting that the Lord reigns; that he will take care of his church, and provide for her men after his own heart, who will maintain her cause and interests in this ungodly world.

Hopes Realized.

Let us turn to the bright side of the subject. We have anticipated disappointments; let us now anticipate the fulfilment of our hopes. Here we shall see enough to quicken our exertions, and to animate our benevolence.

Many of our beneficiaries will go forth under the patronage of the Board of Missions, to preach the gospel to the destitute. They will carry the water of life to the thirsty, and the bread of life to the hungry. They will go in quest of wandering sheep, and bring them back to the fold of Christ. Churches, by their instrumentality, will be collected and organized for divine worship, in which the gospel may be preached for generations to come.

Many will be settled as pastors over country congregations, and will form the character of our hardy yeomanry under the influence of religion to the practice of piety and virtue.

Some will labour in villages and towns; where they will aid in promoting every thing that is good, in checking the progress of vice and intemperance, and in maintaining the cause of piety, truth, and virtue.

And some will lift up their voices in our chief cities, and blow the trumpet of the gospel in the hearing of those who, owing to their residence, their wealth, and their talents, send an influence to distant parts of the land. In such, elevated and commanding stations, they will be as lights set on some lofty eminences; and may we not hope, that from them will issue a salutary and pervading influence through the vitals of the community?

These are no visionary anticipations. They are results that may be naturally expected. Some distinguished ministers of the gospel now living were indebted for their education to benevolent individuals, or to benevolent societies. Many thus prepared for the ministerial work are now labouring acceptably and usefully in domestic and foreign missions, and in our villages, towns and cities.

The celebrated Buchanan, one of the most useful ministers of our days, received his education from the benevolence of Thornton.

Strange Mistakes.

By turning to our number for January last, it will be seen, from a brief history of the doings of the General Assembly in reference to the education of young men for the gospel ministry, that it is now TWENTY-FIVE years, since our highest judicatory turned their attention to this important matter; that for many successive years they have prosecuted this business, and inquired of the Presbyteries whether they were doing their duty in relation to it; and that it will be ELEVEN years next May, since they appointed a Board of Education to manage this interesting concern. Yet, strange as it may appear, some individuals connected with the Presbyterian Church have spoken on this subject, as if it were a new thing for the Assembly to act in this business of education, and have expressed disapprobation at their conduct, as if they were tresspassing on ground pre-occupied by others.

Let us, for a moment, suppose it a fact, that the General Assembly had been so remiss as to have overlooked this great business; what then? Would it follow that the supreme Judicatory of the Presbyterian Church have lost their right of engaging in it, and that by doing so they would encroach on the rights of others? Will any Presbyterian, will any christian, advocate such a position? On the contrary should not every christian, and every Presbyterian, rejoice to see this venerable body awake from

their slumbers, and with all the anxiety of a parent's heart begin to devise measures for training their youth for the ministry of grace?

But this is mere supposition; the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church have not so neglected their duty; they have taken the lead of other churches in this matter. They occupy their own ground, and make no encroachment on that of other churches. They claim jurisdiction over their own family, and the right of superintending the education of their own children; a right which ought never to be abandoned to others, so long as there remain intelligence, wealth and piety enough for the due exercise of this right.

The mistake just noticed recals to our recollection a mistatement published in regard to the Assembly's Missionary operations a few years ago, in an eastern journal. It was then stated in that periodical, that the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church expended but little more than $1400 annually, in the missionary cause. Now, the fact is, the Board of missions, acting under the Assembly's authority, had, for many years past, at their command, every year, $4000 and $5000 for missionary appointments. And this sum was but part of what was annually expended in the missionary cause under the Assembly's superintendence; for if we add to it what was disbursed by Synods and Presbyteries who were required to report annually to the Board of Missions, on the subject of missions, the whole virtually expended by the Assembly would amount to more than *thrice* $4000, more than $12,000 annually.

Yet this, it is confessed, is a small sum for a church so numerous and opulent as the Presbyterian, to apply to a cause so interesting. She is now, we trust, awaking and putting forth more vigorous exertions. The Board of Missions is advancing with rapid strides; and the Board of Education would emulate her sister's efforts, and covet her prosperity. And around these two Boards, we trust, every Presbyterian will rally. They are the hope of our church. We would cherish no sectarian feelings. We rejoice in the prosperity of *every evangelical Church*. But if the doctrines and institutions of the Presbyterian Church are scriptural, they ought to be supported by every one who belongs to this Church and believes them to be scriptural.

Correction of a Misstatement.

The error in regard to the number of students in Princeton College, published in the Quarterly Register of the Amer. Education Society, on which we remarked in our last, has been noticed by the Editor of that periodical. He has promptly corrected it, and requested the correction to be made by Editors who may have copied from his work. He expresses his regret at the mistake, and acknowledgement to the Editors of this miscellany for pointing out the error.

COLLECTIONS BY THE GENERAL AGENT.

During the months of January and February last, he received from the following sources, viz:

From individuals of the First Presbyterian Church, Wall street, New York,	$350 00
Female Association of - - - - - do - do	350 00
From individuals of Murray street Church, - - - do	218 00
Do do Scotch Presbyterian Church Cedar street, do	138 50
Moses Allen, a member of the Brick Church - - - do	100 00
Rev. Gardiner Spring, D. D. Pastor of do - - - do	25 00
Rev. Robert M'Cartee, Pastor of Church in Canal street - - do	5 00
Mrs. Joanna Bethune, member of do - - do	25 00
First Presbyterian Church Albany, N. Y. State - - - -	246 25
Second do do do do - - - - -	144 00
Third do do do do by a few individuals, - -	21 25
Fourth do do do do collection in Church, and from 3 individuals - - - - - - - - -	27 37½

The Female Bible Class Association, of the First Presbyterian church Albany, handed by Miss Ann M. Olmsted, - - - - - - - 25 00
Rev. James V. Henry, of Albany, - - - - - - - 10 00
Henry W. Delavan, Ballston, Saratoga county, N. Y. - - - - 50 00
From an unknown friend to the cause, supposed to be a member of the 2d Presbyterian Church Albany, - - - - - - - 5 00*
From individuals of the church, in Princeton N. J. - - - - 92 50
From the Female Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society of Philadelphia, being a part of the proceeds of their late exhibition, at the Masonic Hall, handed by Miss Margaret M'Culloh, - - - - - - 51 00
From two indivlduals, members of the church in Cedar street, N. Y. of which Rev. C. Mason is Pastor, - - - - - - - 30 00
Of this sum, $5 was receipted to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary Board of the Synod of New York; and the balance, $25 marked paid on the subscription book, of the said church. The book was retained by the church session for circulation; and the amount obtained, is not known to the Gen. Agent.

*Covered by the following note, addressed to the Agent, and to the care of the Rev. Dr. Sprague, Pastor of the 2d church Albany:—

"Accept this from one whose heart rejoices in the exertions that are now made to send forth the living Teacher; and whose prayer is that the Great Lord of the Harvest would bless these exertions, until every ear shall hear the Joyful Sound, and every heart rejoice, and sing forth the praises of Redeeming Love."

REMARKS OF THE AGENT.

It is proper to remark, that but few of the churches, in the city of N. Y. were called upon; from want of time, on the part of the Agent, & because it was not deemed expedient to make a general application there, at present. So far as the claims of the Board were submitted to the people, they were acknowledged, and treated with marked attention and favour. Had the personal call, in the churches, in which the subject was introduced, been more extended, the amount of contributions would have been proportionately greater than it is.

In the city of Albany, the objects of the Board were laid before all our churches and met with cordial approbation and support. In the city of Philadelphia, only four of the churches have, as yet, been visited, by the General Agent: and in one of these, viz: the 3d, nothing more has been attempted, than to explain the business, from the pulpit.—In the 1st and 2d churches, the personal call, from want of time, has been quite limited, which accounts for the small amount obtained in these large and liberal congregations. The collections here, will be resumed, so soon as circumstances will permit; and no fears are entertained, as to the result.

It is earnestly hoped and confidently expected, that the Presbyteries will, at their approaching stated meetings, be prepared to co-operate in this important concern, by adopting a plan which the Board are now digesting, and intend publighing in the next number of the Reporter and Register. It verily seems to us, that the character and harmony and best interests of the Presbyterian church, are closely connected with the wise management and success of the Missionary and Education Boards of our General Assembly. These are the churches' own institutions, responsible to her as such, and under favour of Divine Providence, entirely dependent on her members, for their efficiency. Let them not be viewed as local institutions; nor let them be left to depend entirely on the churches, in the vicinity of the seat of their operation. Cordial, and general co-operation will secure complete success.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer of the Education Board reports the following receipts, 1830.

Jany.	16	From William J. Williams, balance of his subscription, - - -	20
	18	do Rev. Jos. Sandford annual - - do - - - - -	25
	21	do 2d Presbyterian Church by Rob. Ralston, Esq. - - - -	10
	22	do Mrs. Fowle, - - - - - - - - - - - - -	5
Feby.	2	do Miss M'Farran, - - - - - - - - - - - -	2
	6	do Miss Olive Sproat, donation, - - - - - - - - -	10
	17	do Collections by General Agent, - - - - - - -	1900
		Donation from Tuscumba, Alabama, - - - - - - -	2
	24	do Collections by General Agent, - - - - - - -	200
			$2174

Philad. Feb. 24, 1830. John Stille, *Treasurer.*

PLAN

For rendering Sessions Auxiliary Societies to the General Assembly's Board of Missions.

It is believed, after much reflection, that Sessions may become the best auxiliary Missionary Societies that can exist in the Presbyterian Church—that they are more happily adapted to this purpose than any other associations that can be devised, and may supersede the necessity of any other. Sessions are already formed, and must be continued as an essential part in the order and government of the Presbyterian Church; and by their taking an agency in missionary affairs, the church will act *directly by her own officers*, which is the most proper and desirable mode of action, in every thing in which the church is concerned. By Sessions assuming the form of Missionary Societies, all the trouble and all the expense of forming other Missionary associations will be saved; and at the same time Missionary bodies will become more numerous, and more extensively and generally influential, throughout the whole Presbyterian population, than they can ever be otherwise rendered. Missionary operations will in this way be more intimately brought home, as they need to be, to every congregation and to every individual in it, as a concern of their own: and when the people see their own representatives, men of their own choice, and in whom they have confidence, managing and superintending this business, they will be likely to contribute more willingly, generally, and liberally, than they would otherwise do. If in some places it should be considered necessary or expedient, that an individual or two, without becoming regular members of Session, should be joined with it for the special purpose of conducting missionary business, there could be no objection to such a measure.

Auxiliary societies in missionary operations are always chiefly employed in collecting funds for the use of a parent society, or missionary board, by which missions are planned and Missionaries selected and sent forth. Now the Supreme Judicatory of the Presbyterian church have appointed a Missionary Board, the funds of which may easily and most effectually be aided by Sessions in the following ways.

1. It has been proposed by the Board to endeavour to obtain a voluntary subscription of 50 cents annually, from each communicating member in the Presbyterian Churches; and from all non-communicating members in every congregation, who may be willing to make such a contribution. On the funds to be derived from this measure much reliance is placed; and to execute this measure the Session of each congregation is manifestly the natural and proper organ. Let the Session point out the most proper and practicable method of obtaining subscribers; let them appoint a treasurer (one of their own number or any other suitable person) to receive all monies collected in the congregation, and forward them as speedily as practicable to the treasurer of the Board of Missions; let a particular day in the year—say Christmas or New Year's day—be appointed on or before which the 50 cent contribution should be paid; and when the appointed day is near at hand, let the pastor be requested to remind the people from the pulpit of their engagements, and say something calculated to excite and cherish among them a missionary spirit; let some suitable person be appointed to call on those who may not have deposited their subscriptions on or before the appointed day, to collect and deliver them to the treasurer; let an accurate list be kept of all subscribers, and let their number of subscribers be annually forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

2. The Session may promote the keeping of mission boxes in the houses of those who are friendly to the Missionary cause, the contents of which may occasionally be deposited with the treasurer of the Session.

3. The Session may take order that collections for the support of Missions be taken up at the Monthly Concerts for prayer, and appropriate the sums col-

ected in such manner as they may judge to be most equitable: and at these concerts information may be given, as indeed it ought to be given, to the people relative to Missionary concerns, and their minds stirred up to pray for and contribute to the support of the Missionary cause.

4. The members of Session can also receive and in a proper way solicit donations of a larger amount than the annual 50 or 25 cent contribution from those who may be able and willing to make such donations: and if any of the members are acquainted with individuals likely to favour the Missionary cause by testamentary bequests, they may in a discreet and delicate manner remind such individuals of the importance of aiding in sending the gospel to the heathen and to the destitute in our own land.

The foregoing presents a simple plan, of easy execution; and if it be followed up with spirit the whole Presbyterian church may in a few years be, as it is most desirable that it should be, actively engaged in missionary operations. But to produce this effect the Sessions must make and continue some active exertions. Now as *personal responsibility* affords the best security for a careful and persevering attention to any business, especially if it be of a public nature, it may be well that each Session should fix on *some individual*, who may attend to the collection of their Missionary funds, and be charged with superintending the whole concern in the congregation. If this office be found burdensome, it may be, after a fixed period, passed from one individual to another. It may also be well if the Session should make it a standing rule to have two meetings at least in a year expressly for the purpose of attending to Missionary concerns. As the minister of every congregation is always the Moderator of its Session, much—very much—will depend on his taking the lead, cordially co-operating, and discreetly and zealously urging forward an attention to Missionary concerns, both in the Session, and generally among the people of his charge: and it is hoped that no minister in the Presbyterian church will refuse his aid, in a matter of such high importance to the Christian church and the salvation of immortal souls as the sending of the gospel to those who are perishing in ignorance and sin.

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WANTS OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

From the statements which we have made in preceding numbers of the Reporter, our readers have doubtless perceived that the sums, generally appropriated by this Board to their Missionaries, are very small—frequently *less*, but rarely *more* than $100 a year. This sum, however, inconsiderable as it is in itself, is of very great importance to them, and especially to those of them, who have a large and increasing family to provide for, and who ordinarily receive from their people, not more than 200 or 250 dollars a year, and that chiefly in produce. *Justice*, as well as benevolence, demands the strictest punctuality on the part of this Board, in fulfilling all its engagements with these self-denied and laborious heralds of the Cross. There are only two ways in which the Board can be thus punctual in remitting to their Missionaries the humble pittances which they have promised. One is by *borrowing money* for the purpose, and involving themselves in debt; and the other is by securing from their Auxiliaries, and individual patrons, the prompt payment of their subscriptions. To the former the Board have very strong objections, which we need not specify, because they will readily occur to every reflecting mind. They have, therefore, determined to avoid the evil of contracting any considerable debts by borrowing, and whenever their Treasury is empty and over-drawn, to make an immediate appeal to those who have kindly pledged themselves to sustain their operations. An occasion for such an appeal exists at the present moment. The season of the year has now arrived, or is very near at hand, when the annual payments to many of our Missionaries are becoming due. Our Treasury is already considerably over-drawn, and *several thousand dollars* will be indispensably necessary, between this and the last of May, to enable the Board to satisfy the claims of their Missionaries, and balance accounts with their Treasurer. The simple statement of this fact will be sufficient, we trust, to secure a *speedy remittance* of all the monies which have been subscribed by Auxiliaries or by individuals, and also to induce congregations to be *liberal* in the *contributions* which may be taken up for the Board, previous to the meeting of the General Assembly. In another part of our paper it will be seen that 33 new Auxiliaries have been reported since the last month, and that the whole number is now about 300; but we wish it to be distinctly remembered, that many of these Auxiliaries have as yet made but very partial collections and remittances, and until they do so, our Treasury must remain empty. We speak not the language of *despondency*, for we do most confidently *expect* that during the month of May at farthest, our necessities will be relieved, and our wants fully supplied. We wish simply to put the Churches in *remembrance*, and once more to remind them of the safe and convenient opportunity which they will soon enjoy, of forwarding their free will offerings by the Commissioners to the next Assembly.

COMMUNICATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF CHILLICOTHE, OHIO.

We publish with pleasure the following official communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Executive Committee of this Presbytery. Had it been received, a few days earlier, we should have given it a place in our last number. The plan of Missionary operations which they have adopted, does not, indeed, precisely correspond, in all its parts, with that which the Board of Missions have recommended, but it does accord with the principle which we have uniformly avowed, and to which we wish always to adhere, "that the churches should be left entirely to their own unbiassed and deliberate choice of the particular channel through which their charities shall flow forth to bless the perishing." The plan which the Board have recommended, *in itself considered*, they do most decidedly prefer to any other which has hitherto been acted upon by the churches, but they are at the same time fully aware of the fact, that there are some sections of the country where the way is not yet fully prepared for the adoption of that plan entire. They think the *Presbyteries* are the proper bodies to judge and decide on this matter; and they do and will rejoice when they find them judiciously exercising their rights, and adopting such measures as may be deemed best calculated to call forth and unite the energies of the churches in advancing the Missionary cause. We rejoice that this Presbytery have purposed to organize all their churches as auxiliaries, and we most sincerely bid them "God speed," and assure them that the Board of Missions will always be ready, when called upon by their Executive Committee, to aid them, to the extent of our ability, in sustaining the feeble churches, and in building up the waste places within their bounds.

Dear Br. Russell,—When you were with us at Lebanon, the Presb. of Chillicothe had taken no order on the subject of Missions. At a late meeting in Hillsborough, agreeably to the recommendation of Synod, we adopted the following plan for the conducting of Missions within our bounds.

A committee was appointed, consisting of four ministers and two elders, (half of whom are to be elected annually to serve for two years,) to whom is entrusted the management of the Missionary business, within the limits of the Presbytery, and to report their doings to Presbytery at every spring meeting.

This committee is directed to open a correspondence with the Assembly's Board of Missions, and the A. H. M. Society, and as far as practicable obtain aid from both these societies for the supplying of the destitute within our bounds.

It was recommended to all our congregations, both supplied and destitute, to form Missionary societies to aid the cause of Missions within our bounds; and the destitute are left at liberty to choose to which of the above named Boards application shall be made in their behalf.

On looking over our plan, you will perceive that it is rather founded on that cold-blooded maxim, "charity begins at home," and that it seems to be destitute of that expansive benevolence which casts its bread on the waters, and dispenses its blessings without hoping to receive. We feel it so. But we feel justified in taking this ground at present, for the same reason that a father would feel it wrong to send bread to strangers while his own children are starving.

Our Presbytery embraces seven counties, containing twenty-two congregations, half of which are vacant at present; and we remember that "he that will not provide for his own, is worse than an infidel." And though there is considerable wealth in this country, considering its age, yet but a small portion of it is in the hands of Presbyterians. We must therefore be dependent for a while on the kindness of our more favored brethren. And we hope that our plan is not inconsistent with the spirit of your institution, which, if we understand it, is to assist them that are trying to help themselves.

We are taking measures to organize our congregations as Missionary Societies, without pledging them to either Board, but leaving them and us at liberty to apply to that Board which will furnish us the most efficient aid. We pledging ourselves at the same time, that the funds of which we have the control, shall be accounted for to that Board from which we receive the aid.

You will see then that our plan is to co-operate with our brethren in the east, (both the Home and the Assembly's Board,) or rather get them to help us to furnish our own destitute with the bread of life, and then unite with you in giving it to others. For I hope we shall never relax our efforts till the earth is full of the knowledge of the Lord.

The committee of Missions for Chillicothe Presbytery, at present, are the Rev. Samuel Crothers, of Greenfield, Recording Secretary; Rev. Wm. Graham, of Chilicothe, Chairman; Rev. James H. Dickey, of Greenfield, Corres-

ponding Secretary; Rev. John Rankin, of Ripley; Mr. Thomas Kirker, of West Union; Mr. William Allen, of Hillsborough, Treasurer.

When I contrast the present state and prospects of the kingdom of our dear Lord in the west, with its state and prospects twenty years ago, my very soul rejoices with thanksgiving. About that time I visited this country as a Missionary under the Assembly's Board. The whole country west of the Scioto, and north of the Ohio river, contained about 14 Presbyterian ministers, the one half of whom had passed life's meridian, and not one young man coming forward to supply their place—the religious community, almost every where, distracted with heresies of the most alarming kind—the ministry so thinly scattered over the extensive field, seldom met to strengthen each other's hands, and no efficient Board of Missions. But I forbear. O what hath God wrought! In twenty years, what a change! But much remains to be done. But we feel encouraged, and determined to persevere until the watchmen shall be stationed so close to each other that they shall see eye to eye, and no part be from under the eye of a faithful watchman.

So soon as we get matters in train, you may expect applications for help. May the good Lord strengthen and guide you, is the prayer of your brother,

JAS. H. DICKEY, Cor. Secretary.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER, N. Y.

A few days since we received from the Stated Clerk of this Presbytery the following communication, viz:

"By order of the Presbytery of Rochester, I send you the following extract from their Minutes, at their sessions in Rochester on the 2d of the present month.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolutions relative to the General Assembly's Board of Missions, reported and recommended the following minute which was adopted, viz:

"The Presbytery of Rochester is gratified to learn that the Board of Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, have recently commenced operations on a plan more extended, more agreeable to the spirit of the times in which we live and better suited to the wants of the church. But while Presbytery are desirous of seeing this Board as well as the American Home Missionary Society extensively useful in the great work of evangelizing the world; they do not think it expedient that this body should take measures *at this time*, for constituting itself an auxiliary; inasmuch as the Western Agency of the A. H. M. S. are now conducting Missionary operations within our bounds and inasmuch also as Presbytery understand from the Secretary of that agency, that it is probable a compromise will soon be made between the Assembly's Board of Missions and the A. H. M. Society in relation to the districts of country each Board shall occupy, as the fields of its Missionary operations. Under these circumstances, while Presbytery cordially approve of the plans of the Board of Missions, they would leave, to the discretion of the Churches, the channel through which their charities shall flow forth to bless the perishing."

"Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to communicate the above minute to the Assembly's Board of Missions."

(A true extract.) Attest,

J. MYERS, *Stated Clerk.*

It is truly gratifying to us to be thus kindly remembered and noticed by a distant Presbytery, in a part of the country where the plans and doings of our Board have hitherto been but very imperfectly known, and in which no agents from this quarter have been employed to present and urge our claims upon the churches. In reference to one of the reasons assigned, in the foregoing communication, for deferring a measure, which seems to have been contemplated by the Presbytery, we would just remark, that if any "compromise between the Assembly's Board of Missions, and the H. M. S. in relation to the district of country each Board shall occupy, as the fields of its missionary operations," has ever been seriously desired or contemplated, that fact is utterly unknown to this Ex. Com. and the Board with which they are immediately connected. No propositions of the kind have ever been made to the B. of Missions, nor have they ever yet perceived either the necessity or expediency of an attempt thus to divide the land. We would have all the different Missionary Societies and Associations in our country, both Foreign and Domestic, left at liberty, as other kindred Societies are, to present their individual claims, when and where they may deem it expedient, and then we would have the churches left to bestow or withhold their patronage according to their own convictions of duty. Let this course be uniformly pursued, with a proper spirit, and we are fully persuaded, that all disagreeable divisions and contentions will be avoided, and a much greater amount of good will be done, than could be accomplished in any other way. In the

name of the Board of Missions, we speak the language of all their past *experience* in conducting Missionary operations.

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

New York.

From the Rev. J. H. Monroe, Rodman, Feb. 8, 1830.

"Though my labors thus far have not been blessed to the conversion of any individuals, I think the prospects of usefulness are favorable. Our meetings are generally solemn, and well attended. The people appear to listen to the truth with care and attention.—The society, though small and weak, are making preparations to build a house of worship, which they will probably complete in the course of next summer. I have found, while visiting from house to house, a few who appear to be seriously inquiring what they must do to be saved. These inquiries, together with some more than ordinary zeal in the church, and the exertions making to prepare a more commodious place of worship, encourage me to hope, that my labors in future may be crowned with success."

From the Rev. J. Myers, Brockport, March 9, 1830.

Dear Sir,—So much of the second quarter had elapsed before I received my commission from the "Board of Missions," that I supposed it would be unnecessary to send a separate report for the first quarter; my present report therefore will include both, or the half year of my labors as your Missionary.

This church was organized two years ago the present month, with but seven members. I commenced my labors here the first of September following, at which time the number of members was eleven. During the first year of my labours here, 28 were added to the church, and in the last six months, 12 have been added and one dismissed; making a total at present of fifty members.

I ordinarily preach twice on the Sabbath, and we have a third service at which I often lecture. During the week, I commonly preach once in some school house out of the village, and have had a lecture, until very recently, every Wednesday evening in the village. I have a Bible class which is attended principally by members of the church; and this exercise, when time permits, is accompanied by a season of conference and prayer, for which the lesson commonly furnishes suitable and profitable subject matter. We have two Sabbath schools, one in the village, and the other a short distance out. The one in the village is gradually increasing in numbers and interest, and both have been kept up through the winter. These schools I frequently attend, and upon me devolves the principal labor of sustaining and furnishing them with suitable books.

I cannot report the number of visits I have made. My general plan is to spend every Tuesday in visiting from house to house, besides visiting the sick and other occasional calls. On the 13th of January last, I was installed as pastor of this congregation by the Presbytery of Rochester.

We have not yet formed our church into an auxiliary society to the Board of Missions, upon the fifty cent plan, though we intend attempting it soon.—How far it will succeed, I cannot tell, as the congregation are at present considerably embarrassed by their efforts to build a meeting house. The erection of this house was commenced about six months ago; the Lord has wonderfully prospered us in it thus far, and we hope, with his continued blessing, to have it completed and dedicated to his worship and glory in the course of the month of May next. There is nothing of special interest in the state of religion in the midst of us. The Presbyterian cause has much to struggle with just at present through all this country; but the Lord reigns, and if our cause is the cause of truth, it must and will prevail."

From the Rev. Samuel F. Snowden, a Missionary of the Board in Jefferson co. dated Sackett's Harbour, March 13, 1830.

"There is a neighborhood on Pillar Point, across the bay from Sackett's Harbour, where I preached a number of Sabbaths about two years since, in which there is a serious attention to religion. The meetings which I attend at the present time, on the Sabbath and otherwise, are full and solemn. A considerable number, after the public exercises, remain for inquiry into their spiritual state, and manifest a deep interest in the concerns of their souls. The excitement is recent, and still continues. There are four or five instances of conversion. The subjects of it appeared to be filled with zeal and love. I shall make this place a subject of special regard.

With respect to the town of Le Roy, about two miles from the church, there

has been a revival of religion, though of no considerable extent. It appears to have taken its rise from setting up a Sabbath school in that school district. Much indifference was shown to it, but the attempt succeeded. One of the teachers seeing another teach his class, under the influence of spirituous liquor, was strongly impressed with the impropriety of it, and as he himself was not free from that vice, he determined to withdraw, as being wholly unfit for an office that required to be filled with one of a moral and religious character; but when urged, instead of declining, to reform his practice, the circumstance impressed his mind with his sinful state, and was the means of bringing him to repentance and salvation. I have had the pleasure of receiving him since, and also his wife, who became a subject of grace, into the church, and their children to baptism. The Sabbath school increases, and the children were diligent in attending it, and it became a blessing to the neighborhood. Public meetings for prayer and preaching were appointed, and a general seriousness prevailed. Very much interest was excited by these means, and persons in every family were brought under serious impressions. The spiritual feelings of professors were revived, and several cases of hopeful conversion occurred. The change in the general aspect of society is sensible. There had been during the summer great indifference to religion—the Sabbath violated by the usual sports of the season, and public worship neglected. It was a place the least likely of any other to be visited with the out-pouring of the divine Spirit. The state of the congregation had declined, and much apathy had prevailed, but since, both the desire for religious exercises and attendance on them have visibly increased.

As to Theresa, I found that place lying under even more discouraging circumstances. The congregation for a very considerable time had not enjoyed preaching from any of the same denomination, and had relinquished almost the expectation. I am happy to state, that instead of merging into other sects, as was apparent, they have rallied their strength in some measure, and with the assistance which will be afforded them, indulge the hope of being sustained.—The number of professors is exceedingly small, and both their increase, and that of the congregation impeded by untoward occurrences. Both here and at Le Roy, I have visited extensively and frequently, and been gratified to observe the effects produced in an attendance more regular and constant on the means of grace, and a desire for special religious appointments in every quarter."

PENNSYLVANIA.

From the Rev. S. R. Jones, Wyalusing, Bradford co. Feb. 24, 1830.

"I have preached thirty-seven sermons to increasingly numerous and attentive congregations. I have preached four sermons, administered the Lord's supper, and baptized five children in the Presbyterian church, Wysox, since the death of brother York. Five of the above sermons were on funeral occasions. The season at Wysox was unusually interesting. The two churches, long separated, communed together apparently in the highest exercise of Christian affection. There are no recent cases of awakening and serious conviction in Wyalusing congregation that are known to me, but the attendance on the preaching of the Gospel is certainly increasing, and some of the church clearly manifest a much higher state of Christian feeling and zeal, than heretofore. I have rode nearly 300 miles, often 10 and 12 miles going and returning, for one sermon.—They had three Sabbath schools here last summer, but they are impracticable in the winter; we shall doubtlessly revive them in the spring. They have a small Sunday school library. We have six common schools; I have visited one of them twice, and nothing has hindered my visiting them all, but a doubt of benefiting them. I preach in the school-houses—the children attend; but we have none of the good old Westminster catechisms, and know not where to obtain them. I must have some definite object in view, and I wish to direct the children's attention to some subject, upon which they may *prepare* themselves for useful observations. We have no catechetical books. Other difficulties might be stated, but we will try if possible, to do something in the spring or summer, or substitute Sunday school teaching in its room.

We keep alive our Bible, Missionary, Tract and Temperance societies. The Treasurer of the Missionary society has paid me $6 50 for your Board. We have attended all the anniversaries of the above societies since the 1st of January.

I attended the county anniversaries at Towanda. I have made many visits through the congregation, in which I read the scriptures, sometimes briefly

explain, pray, and converse on religious subjects. Several church members have been very sick, and I have visited, conversed, read and prayed with them during their sickness."

From Mr. Samuel Montgomery, Martinsburg, March 1, 1830.

"I have been endeavoring to sow the seed and water it, and for some time have been looking for "the fruits of the Spirit," but as yet, have not been able to discover any. If any there be, it is not discernable. External reformation indeed has obviously been the result of my labors; but whether any have been "renewed in the spirit of their minds," is uncertain—time will disclose. If there be fault, I humbly trust it lies not at my own door, though I have no reason to claim an entire exemption from faithlessness. May the Lord pardon what has been amiss in me, and supply what has been lacking in the people.

Since my last communication I have travelled 132 miles. This has been the most unpleasant part of my service, inasmuch as the ice in the waters rendered them extremely difficult and perilous to cross. I have preached 18 times to increasingly crowded and attentive assemblies, visited 21 families and some sick persons, attended my Bible classes, formed a Tract society, auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Branch, on Broad Top, where the scattered inhabitants are destitute of preaching. Some Tracts I had with me were received with great avidity, it being something entirely new to them, never having seen or heard of Tracts before. Distributed a number of Kittridge's Addresses & Humphrey's Parallel, together with some Tracts relative to the observance of the Sabbath, also Beechers sermons on intemperance and many Christian almanacs. These, wherever they were received, (and none who had the offer refused) I believe never failed to excite a deep interest, apparently at least, relative both to the Temperance and Sabbath reform.—With respect to the former, I am daily more and more convinced and rejoice in the prospect, that this great Apollyon, who is going through our land, carrying in his march, chains and wretchedness and woe, though very formidable to behold, will soon be entirely vanquished by the continued stream of light emanating from those excellent engines of reform, the tract, press, and religious periodicals of the day. While speaking on this subject, if time would admit, and it were pertinent to the requisitions of a Missionary report, I might give an appalling narration of the horrific death of a young man in these parts, in his 23d year, two years ago a promising youth, whose last breath in this world expired with the importunate cry of "Whiskey, more Whiskey!" This woeful exit has excited a general odium in the minds of the people against intemperance, which I pray may be lasting."

Ohio.

From the Rev. J. Wolf, Blooming Grove, Feb. 24, 1830.

"Nothing special as to the communications of the grace of the Gospel has been bestowed upon the people of my charge since I wrote you. Sometimes I think they are becoming better from the ministrations of the Gospel, and at others, I fear it is a "savour of death unto death." The attention paid to the preached word, and also the attendance are good.

In Blooming Grove, I have two Bible classes formed; the one that meets every two weeks at our house is well attended; the other, but middling; and I had, in consequence of a disease of my eyes, to discontinue the latter during the cold frosty weather. I expect in a few weeks to attend to it again. In this way I hope I shall be enabled to do as much good as by preaching. In the other congregations I have no Bible classes.

In the Sharon congregation arrangements have been made for erecting a meeting house, and if the people go on in the spirit with which they have commenced, they will have as neat a church by the last of May as this part of the country affords.

Since my last report, I have preached twenty-five sermons, baptized five infants, and travelled two hundred and eighty miles.

Also, since the 1st of December, attended a Bible class once a week, with the exception specified in the letter, paid some family pastoral visits, attended the anniversary of the Paris Temperance Society, which I addressed, and attempted to animate and encourage them to be firm, persevering and diligent in the good cause of temperance."

From the Rev. R. G. Lynn, Goshen, Clermont co. March 2, 1830.

"The prevalence of intemperance is nothing like so great as it has been.—At our public sales and elections, raisings, log-rolling, &c. the people are sober, and with a few exceptions, the

people will not use ardent spirits. In the social circle and in our harvest fields, this beverage has very nearly lost its charm. Sabbath breaking is not so common, and instead of collecting in parties, and haunting the taverns and grog shops and places of pleasure, you will more frequently find the youth at the house of God. The country around being new, and the population not so dense as in an older country, the people cannot congregate themselves so easily as where the population is more dense and churches more thickly planted.—Our meetings are well attended, and with much interest; though there is no particular excitement amongst us. We have been a little tardy in forming ourselves into a Missionary society, directly auxiliary to the General Assembly's Board of Missions, though I might have sent on our name by my last report; but I now inform you, that Lower Bethel church is formed into a Missionary society, auxiliary to the General Assembly's Board of Missions, as directed by that Board. Health returning to myself and family, I have been engaged in visiting from house to house. In the last month I have preached ten sermons, attended Bible class on the first Monday in the month, and visited about twenty-five families; rode three hundred miles, and visited a number of sick people. The district of country over which I have to travel is so extensive, that it requires me to be very busy to keep pace with my duty."

From the Rev. Richard Brown, Jeromeville, Wayne co. Feb. 16, 1830.

"In compliance with a call from the united congregations of Rehoboth, Mount Hope and Congress, in Wayne county, I commenced ministerial labors among them, Jan. 1st, 1829. Each of these call for equal portions of my time. As the last two have applied to your Board for assistance, it becomes my duty to report to you, according to my instructions.

I have kept no account of miles travelled. My residence was necessarily 7 miles from Mount Hope, and 12 from Congress meeting-house. In all my excursions I have visited 170 families.—The 170 families visited were intermingled with as many Germans, and the travelling of course has been very considerable. By the Missionary himself, (and by the assistance of others with whom he has exchanged,) the two congregations have been favored with at least 80 discourses during the year.—About 5,000 pages of Tracts, and numerous religious periodicals have been distributed by the Missionary in all the highways and hedges. Bible classes were organized and well attended during the summer. Special attention has been paid to children and youth. With regard to the charmer, ardent spirits, our advice has been, touch not, taste not, handle not, manufacture not.

The cause of general benevolence, its wide spread field, its effects as already seen, have been presented for consideration. The number of hearers continued to increase till the cold weather at the end of the year proved too severe for our unfinished houses. Among professing members there has been at times considerable tenderness. Many of the youth in each congregation have paid more than a respectful attention to the means of grace. The Lord's supper was administered once in each congregation—at both places the assembly was large and solemn. To the congregation of Mount Hope, 17 were added on examination, 4 on certificate, and 7 children and two adults were baptized. To the congregation of Congress, 10 were added on examination, and 8 children were baptized. Whole number added to the three congregations is 42 on examination, and 7 on certificate. One of the 17 has commenced study for the ministry.

The cause of temperance is gaining ground. Some farmers have found that every thing can be done without ardent spirits."

From the Rev. J. L. Bellville, Miamisburg, Jan. 26, 1830.

"In days gone by, I derived much pleasure in reporting the affairs of the church and congregation of Washington township; Ah! yes, when the candle of the Lord shone bright among us, when Zion travailed, and sons and daughters were brought forth to the Lord, and many were inquiring the way to Zion, then the duty of reporting was pleasant, and to survey the field was delightful. But such is not our case at present; the glory of the Lord appears to be in a great measure withdrawn, at least we have no special tokens of his presence; and it is painful to contrast our past and present state. Still, however, amidst the darkness, there is a little light.—Several of the benevolent institutions of the day are patronized by this church. We have a Missionary association, auxiliary to the A. B. C. F. M. who raised last year, $22 50; an auxiliary to the

Assembly's Board, which will probably raise $25 00; a Tract society which raised last year $71 37½, one fourth of which was donated to the parent institution, and one fourth expended for Tracts for gratuitous distribution; the principal part of which were distributed on the plan proposed by the American Tract Society, viz. two to each family. Upon examining our township, there were found to be 444 families, of which no member of our society was a component part; these were supplied as before stated. Besides these societies, we procured last summer a small Sabbath school library, for which we have raised about $14. We have also a Temperance society, consisting at present of 22 members. We act upon the plan of *entire abstinence*, not merely from ardent spirits, but from all domestic wines and cordials compounded with distilled spirits. This article we esteem indispensable. We wish to give the monster no quarter, either unmasked or disguised. As a society, we have had much opposition, but amidst all the opposition, dame temperance has routed the monster from several lurking places; and from the best information I can obtain, the quantity of ardent spirits consumed in this township has, during the last year, diminished one third; and in our church more than two thirds.

During the last six months we have only added eight members to this church, 7 on examination, and 1 by certificate. We had during the summer 3 Sabbath schools, numbering about 130 scholars; also 2 Bible classes during the same period. The monthly concert of prayer is regularly, though alas! not numerously attended. We contemplate attempting to supply our township with Bibles, but are under the necessity of deferring the work a short time in consequence of our being straitened in money matters by the building of a church, (it is not yet finished, but it has already cost the congregation about $900, and it will take at least $200 more for ceiling and to seat it; and it is very doubtful when we shall get it completed) but so far as our township is concerned, we will strive to enable the American Bible Society to redeem their pledge."

Virginia.

Monthly report of Mr. J. Paine, dated Warm Springs, Bath co. Feb. 26, 1830.

"In presenting my third monthly report, I have but little to communicate. It is not quite a month since I wrote to you last, since that time I have preached 8 times, exclusive of other meetings which I have attended, visited 15 families, and travelled 180 miles. The people have so far to come to and go home from preaching, that they cannot stay for two sermons. And when I preach a second time on the Sabbath, I have to ride from 8 to 16 miles before I can arrive at another place of preaching, where a congregation can be had. Our churches have no stoves, so that throughout the winter we have been under the necessity of worshipping in private houses; but I hope the weather will soon be warm enough to admit of our worshipping in "the house appointed for prayer." And this at present appears the more desirable, as our congregations continue to increase in numbers, as well as in apparent devotedness and serious attention, and to evince deep anxiety to hear and know the truth as it is in Jesus. There are three or four places, remote from the churches at which we worship on Sabbath, where I preach on week days, where there is a prospect of much usefulness. These people have been heretofore very much neglected; indeed, many of them never heard a Presbyterian preach before I came among them. These places are sixteen and eighteen miles from any church. They gladly receive the word. Two very intemperate men, who were destroying themselves, and ruining their families by hard drinking, have been induced by a perusal of "Kittridge's Address on Intemperance," to discontinue the use of the poison, and have become sober and industrious.

I hope by the end of next month to be able to make a more favorable report. Pray that the blessing of God may rest upon our poor endeavors to serve him. May his kingdom come and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

REPORTS OF AGENTS.

Kentucky.

From the Rev. Simeon H. Crane, Lexington, March 9, 1830.

"Since I last reported, I have spent five Sabbaths in the service of your Board, during which time I have rode nearly 300 miles, preached 15 times, exhorted several times, distributed a considerable number of Tracts, and organized 12 auxiliaries to the Board of Missions. The churches organized are the following, viz. Nicholasville, Clear Creek, Shelbyville, Six Mile, Mulberry, Bullskin, Louisville, Beulah, Pennsylvania Run, Bardstown, and Big Spring."

Respecting the church at Louisville, Mr. C. remarks—

"After visiting and preaching to them four or five times, and laying the plan and the operations of the Board before them, I organized them into a very large auxiliary indeed. Louisville is a very important place for Missionary operations. There is only one Presbyterian church in that large place. Some of the brethren expressed a desire to have me come among them and make an effort to establish a second church. I have reflected much on it since, and if I had good health, and much of the spirit of God, I think that I should be delighted with the measure. But I tremble in view of such a highly responsible station. After visiting this place, I passed on to the church of Beulah, about 5 or 7 miles from Louisville. This church is quite small, and destitute of the stated preaching of the word. It is situated in one of the most fertile and wealthy sections of the country. This church, in connexion with the church of Pennsylvania Run, situated about five miles distant, which is likewise destitute, would be able, perhaps, in a short time, to support the ministry, if they could have a little aid at present.

The most of these churches, you will discover, by looking over the minutes of the Assembly, are in the Louisville Presbytery. I succeeded in every attempt which I made to organize the churches in this Presbytery, with the exception of Middletown and Cain Run.

Mr. *John W. Hundley* requested his name to be sent as a subscriber for $20 a year during life, commencing with the first day of January next. He also gave me a donation of $5.

Mr. *Joseph Cunningham* subscribed $20 a year for ten years from the 1st of Jan. next.

Mr. *Robert Wilson*, of Pennsylvania Run church, subscribed $5 a year for life, commencing with the first of January next.

I should have completed the time of my commission before I returned home, had it not been for the state of my health. I took a severe cold which almost prostrated me. This is the reason why I did not preach more and do more in all probability for the good cause.—When I returned home, I was obliged to take medicine freely. I have been confined for several days to my house.

I intend (God willing) to press onward in this good work, even should I overrun the term of my commission, provided my health will admit it."

It will perhaps be recollected that Mr. Crane closed his last report as follows—

"I have not elicited opposition, but gone strait forward, turning neither to the right hand nor the left to notice any other Missionary association."

We were highly gratified with this remark, and we are happy now to say, without hesitation, that the course pursued by Mr. Crane, in executing his Agency, meets the most unqualified approbation of the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions, and perfectly accords with our advice and instructions to all our Agents. Let this course be rigidly and conscientiously pursued by the Agents of all the different Missionary societies and associations in our land, and the *very same ground* might be visited by each, without any injurious interferences or collisions. The plan of our auxiliaries is so perfectly simple, and feasible, and our solicitation for a *single cent* a week from each member of a congregation is so manifestly reasonable, and so easily complied with, that the formation of an auxiliary in every Presbyterian congregation in the country, instead of retarding the progress, and interfering with the operations of other approved societies, would serve, in our view, to prepare the way for more liberal contributions. The primary design, and direct tendency of our 50 cent plan, when fully and judiciously introduced, is to encourage and establish in all, old and young, rich and poor, male and female, without distinction, the *habit* of *lending* to the Lord; and experience has long since proved, that when such a *habit* has once been formed, it soon becomes not only *easy*, but also *delightful*, in this way to do good and communicate. Charitable contributions cease to be viewed as an unwelcome and burdensome *duty*, and are regarded in the light of sacred and invaluable *privileges*.—Thus it ought to be—and we do, and will rejoice in all well-directed efforts of the agents of our own, and of all sister societies, to promote and increase a spirit of liberality, and we will not cease to pray that the efforts of *all* may be crowned with success.

From the Rev. *John Hudson*, another Agent of the Board in this state, we have not yet received a direct report, but we are happy, through Mr. Crane, to learn, that Mr. Hudson had, previous to the 1st of March, organized 14 auxiliaries to the Board, and made some collections, and that he is now prosecuting his Agency in the Green River country. The whole number of auxiliaries in this state already exceeds 40, and from the success which has thus far attended the efforts of our Agents, we are encouraged to hope that nearly all the churches there will soon be systematically and efficiently engaged in the Missionary work.

Ohio.

From the Rev. *Thomas Barr*, Wooster, March 10, 1830.

"Since my last of Feb. 3d, I have spent five weeks in different parts of Richland, Wayne, Starke, Tuscarawa, Coshocton, and Holmes counties, during which tour, I preached 24 times, and besides in 16 different places, stated at length the plan, operations, and wishes of the Board, attended at 3 places to preach, but was disappointed through misinformation, administered baptism 3 times, received one person to church membership, obtained 32 subscribers to the Missionary Reporter, assisted in forming 2 Temperance Societies, and travelled more than 250 miles. The auxiliaries are Sugar Creek, Pigeon Run, Millersburgh, Salt Creek and Paintville. In the three first named, the subscription was quite equal to what could have been expected; in the two last, not quite so, yet there were strongly abating considerations, arising out of several local, embarrassing causes.—There is *one*, however, which is so general, that it must not be overlooked in contemplating contributions in most of our interior congregations in Ohio, namely, the great difficulty of obtaining *money*. Numbers in various places have been withheld from subscribing even the pittance of twenty-five cents, when their hearts urged them to it, merely because they could not have the prospect of procuring even that much within the time limited. I know that some not sufficiently acquainted with the real state of things here, would almost question the reality of what I state; it is nevertheless true—and I again repeat, that surely, if the state of our congregations in the west were fully understood, and their exertions and liberalities, for their circumstances known, then would the $100 subscription list be speedily filled up, and increased with one hundred more. In Lake township, of this county, where your Missionary, Mr. Wm. Hughes, is located in part, and where I spent a few days the beginning of last month, they are exerting themselves to the utmost of their power, and beyond, I fear, in order, if possible, to retain the administration of the Gospel among them. There are but seven or eight members of the Presbyterian church known in that settlement, half of these are females—most of the settlers of only a few years standing, and in low or *very moderate* circumstances—farms opening—roads making—schoolhouses building, &c. and with regard to many things, a heterogeneous population. Yet since your Missionary has been located there, they have contributed liberally for his support, first for one fourth of the time, and latterly for one half, and they have engaged in building a meeting house, which will cost $300, a large sum for that people. I was present on the day when they commenced their subscription for *one half* of the time of the Missionary, and the first five made the amount $40. The three first were $10 each; these were men in the ordinary circumstances of such a settlement, the other two were poor, each having a family of five or six children, none of whom are able yet to be of any assistance, and each holding 80 acres of rather thin land, not yet paid for, and these put down $5 each. In Tuscarawa county, in a society enjoying only *one-third* of a minister's time, and he too aided by your Board, men in just middling circumstances for the country, pay eight, ten and twelve dollars each, for this portion. In the same county, I preached in a township where there is no Presbyterian church or congregation. Two families of that denomination, with their descendants, reside there. One was the first family that settled there twenty years ago. The nearest Presbyterian church is twelve miles off, and a bad road. The parents have occasionally gone there for communion, and sometimes in the summer to preaching, but none of their children have yet made an open profession of religion, though several of them, I have reason to hope, are prepared to do so, could they only have the opportunity. One of them, with tears, stated her having had a hope for herself for a number of years past, and an earnest desire to confess Christ openly, but hitherto she has not had the privilege. Alas! there are many such destitutions, and multitudes are thus scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd!

North and South Carolina.

From the Rev. *Colin M'Iver*, one of our Agents in these states, an interesting report, dated Charleston, S. C. March 10, 1830, has just been received, which contains much important information of an encouraging nature to the Board. Between the 17th of January and the 21st of February, he visited many important places in both states, and succeeded in organizing as Auxiliaries, in the Presbytery of Fayetteville, N. C. the Cypruss church, in the Presbytery of Concord, N. C. the churches of Rocky River, Philadelphia, Steele Creek, and Bethel, and in the Presbytery

of Harmony, S. C. the churches of Jackson's creek, Zion, and Columbia. The amount subscribed in these 8 auxiliaries was $154 50—a small part of which was collected, together with a donation of $10 from the Rev. John Rennie, of Columbia, who also assmued $50 for his congregation.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Indiana.—Corydon and Rehoboth.

Kentucky.—New Providence, Nicholasville, Shelbyville, Six Mile, Mulberry, Clear Creek, Fox Run, Louisville, Beulah, Pennsylvania Run, Bardstown, Big Spring and Bullskin.

North Carolina.—Thyatira, Concord, Cabar's co.; Back Creek, Bethany, Concord, Iredell co.; Cypruss, Rocky River, Philadelphia, Steel Creek and Bethel.

South Carolina.—Jackson's Creek, Zion church and Columbia.

Ohio.—Sugar Creek, Pigeon Run, Millersburg, Salt Creek and Paintville.—Before published, 257.—Total, 290.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS.

Rev. James Blythe, D. D. Missionary Agent for 7 months to Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and Indiana.

Rev. Henry Safford, 1 year, Lincolnton. Geo.

Rev. Joseph C. Harrison, 1 year under the special direction of the Corresponding Executive Committee of West Lexington, Pres. Kentucky.

Mr. J. Lewers, 1 year, Berwick and Connynghamtown, Pa.

Rev. Jacob Rickhow, 1 year, in 4 congregations in Mississippi.

Re-appointments.

Rev. James Nourse, 2 months, Snowhill, Md.

Mr. Britton E. Colkins, 1 year, Millerstown, Perry co. Pa.

Wm. Hughes, 1 year, Perryville, Lake Fork and vicinity, Ohio.

Rev. G. G. Sill, Missionary Agent, 6 weeks, Rochester Presbytery and vicinity, New York.

Mr. Anderson B. Quay, 1 year, Petersburg, Adams co. and Dillsburg, York co. Pa.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

J. Patterson, Pa.; J. H. Dickey, Ohio; S. R. Jones, Pa.; R. Semple, do.; A. W. King, Tenn.; L. M'Leod, Miss.; W. Ramsay, Pa.; W. Brobston, N. C.; J. Ong, Indiana; J. B. Elwood, N. Y.; J. Reed, Indiana; J. Lynn, jr. Tenn.; J. Paine, Va.; T. E. Hughes, Ind.; E. Deane, Ohio; A. Williamson, Ind.; S. Montgomery, Pa.; Z. Butler, Miss.; S. C. Jennings, Pa.; J. Coe, Ohio; H. Safford, N. Y.; J. Gray, Pa·; D. R. Preston, Florida; H. Van Deman, Ohio; L. M'Leod, Louisiana; T. Cleland, Ky.; J. Blythe, Ky.; W. H. Foote, Va.; R. G. Linn, Ohio; S. Wolf, do.; E. Brown, N. J.; W. Wallace, Ohio; G. G. Sill, N. Y.; A. G. Danby, do.; J. C. Brigham, do; W. Hughes, Ohio; J. E. Annan, Md.; J. Campbell, Pa.; C. M'Iver, S. C.; J. Burtt, N. J.; T. Barr, Ohio; J. Myers, N. Y.; S. F. Snowden, do; A. Thome, Ky.; D. Ellison, Ohio; J. R. Talmadge, Geo.; J. C. Harrison, Ky.; Elders of the church, Manchester, Ohio; J. Watson, Pa.; G. W. Warren, Ohio; L. Henderson, and W. C. Blair, Tenn.; J. W. M'Collough, Pa.; Elders and Trustees of the congregation of Stillwater, N. J.; G. S. Boardman, N. Y.; S. Thompson, Pa.; A. C. Hays, Tenn.; G. Colton, N. Y.; D. A. Sayre, Ky.; S. H. Crane, do; Elders of the churches at Berwick and Connynghamtown, Pa.; J. Winchester, Ohio; J. C. Wingate, Ky.; E. M. Wilson, Va.; C. W. Gardner, Pa.; J. G. Force, N. J.; D. Page, and Executive Committee of the Niagara Presbytery, N. Y.; S. C. Hodgeboome, N. Y.; J. Sessions, do.; R. B. Campfield.

ACCOUNT OF CASH RECEIVED

By the Board of Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, during the month of March, 1830.

Alamance, Moore Co. N. C.	Collection in congregation, per Rev. W. C. Anderson,							$1	80
Ashpole, Robinson Co. do.	Do.	do.			do.			3	70
	Donation from an old gentleman,				do.			8	40
	Do.	a young gentleman,			do.			3	00
Big Spring, Cumberland Co. Pa.	Collection in congregation, per Rev. J. H. Kennedy,							34	06
Big Spring, Ky.	Do.	do.	Mr. A. M'Keehan,					7	00
	From auxiliary society, in part, per Rev. S. H. Crane,							5	50
Bullskin, Ky. Additional	do.	do. Mr. J. C. Wingate, Tr.						2	50
Bullskin and Fox Run, Ky.	Do.	in part, do. Rev. S. H Crane,						7	00
Beulah, Ky.	Do.	do.	do.					5	50
Bardstown, Ky.	Do.	do.	do.					2	50
Bethel, Ky.	Do.	do.	do.					3	50
	Donation from a lady,						50		
	Do.	Mr. J. W. Hundly,					5 00		
								5	50
Bethel, Guilford Co. N. C.	Collection in congregation, per Rev. W. C. Anderson,							0	25
Bethel, Robinson Co. do.	Do.	do.	do.					13	52
Buffaloe, Moore co. do.	Do.	do.	do.					0	05
Buffaloe, Guilford co. do.	Do.	do.	do.					12	25

Bluff, Cumberland co. do. Do. do. do.			0 50
Bethany, Iredell co. do. Do. do. do.			2 25
Donation from Mr. Thomas Allison, do.			5 00
Clear Creek, Ky. From auxiliary society, in part, per Rev. S. H. Crane,			6 00
Corydon, Indiana. Do. do. do. do. Rev. A. Williamson,			4 50
Center, Robinson co. N. C. Collection in congregation, per Rev. W. C. Anderson,			0 50
Concord, Cabarras co. do. Do. do. do.			1 50
Concord, Iredell co. do. Do. do. do.			0 50
Caledonia, N. Y. From the Benevolent Society, per Rev. G. G. Sill,			14 00
Connellsville, Pa. From Mr. Alexander Johnston, his subscription for 1829,			100 00
Deerfield, Ohio. From auxiliary society, per Rev. J. Culbertson,			4 00
Euphiana, Moore co. N. C. Collection in congregation, per Rev. W. C. Anderson,			0 50
Griersburg, Beaver co. Pa. From Missionary Society, per S. Todd, Esq.			5 00
Great Valley, do. do. From Female Missionary Society, per Rev. Wm. Latta,			16 50
Gricer, Caswell co. N. C. Collection in congregation, per Rev. W. C. Anderson,			0 50
Greensburgh, Guilford co. do. Do. do. do.			8 25
Gallatia, Cumberland co. do. Do. do. do.			1 50
Hagerstown, Md. Donation from Mr. Samuel Steele,	20 00		
Do. a young lady,	1 50		
Do. Rev. M. L. Fullerton,	1 00		
Do. Mr. John M'Curdy,	1 00		
Do. Rachael M'Curdy,	1 00		
Do. from 52 sub's at 50 cts. each, per Messrs. J. & W. Robertson,	26 00		
			50 50
Hampfield, Orange co. N. C. Collection in congregation, per Rev. W. C. Anderson,			2 00
Hanover, Pa. Donation from Mr. J. Todd, per Mr. Wm. F. Geddes,			2 50
Harts Log, do. Collection in congregation, per Rev. J. Peebles,			3 00
Indiana, do. Do. do. per Rev. A. J. Rankin,			0 50
Louisville, Ky. From auxiliary society in part, per Rev. S. H. Crane,			31 91
Lewistown, Pa. Annual subscription in part of Presbyterian congregation, per Mr. S. Maclay, Jr.			13 50
Lower Mount Bethel, do. From auxiliary society, per Rev. J. Gray,			15 18
Lumberbridge, N C. Collection in congregation do. W. C. Anderson,			4 25
Laurel Hill, do. Do. do. do. do.			18 75
Longstreet, do. Do do do do.			1 00
Lawrence, Pa. Monthly concert collection, per Mr. L. W. R. Phillips,			10 00
Lexington, Ky. Donation from Mr. Daniel A. Sayre,			10 00
M'Connellsville, Ohio. From auxiliary society, per Rev. J. Culbertson,			7 50
Mineral Spring, N C. Collection in congregation, do. W. C. Anderson,			2 00
Mississippi. From auxiliary society, do D. Butler,	8 00		
Donation from Rev. D. Butler,	2 00		
			10 00
Millerstown, Perry co. Pa. Collection in congregation,			7 31
Donation from a Missionary in the West,			5 00
Mount Horeb, Ky. From auxiliary society, additional, per Rev. S. H. Crane,			11 00
Nicholasville, do. Do do in part, do.			3 75
Newburyport, Mass. Annual collection in Presb. congregation, per Rev. J. Proudfit, their pastor.			131 00
Philadelphia, Pa. Monthly concert collection in Second Presbyterian church,	22 57		
Collection in 2d Presb. church, Southwark, per Rev. W. Ramsay,	10 00		
Additional ann. sub'n of First Presb. church, do. R. B. Campfield,	2 00		
Donation from Mr Wm. F. Geddes,	4 00		
Do do.	3 90		
From John Horner, Esq. his subscription for 1829,	50 00		
Donation from Miss Sproat,	10 00		
			102 47
Philadelphius, N. C. Collection in congregation per Rev. W. C. Anderson,			10 25
Donation from Mr. Neill Brown,			5 00
Princeton, N. J. Do. Rev. S Miller, DD.			30 00
Rohoboth, Ind. From auxiliary society, per Rev. A. Williamson,			4 00
Red Bluff, co. S C. Collection in congregation, do. W. C. Anderson,			9 25
Robinson, co. N C. Donation from Rev. John M'Intyre. do do.			5 00
Rocky River, do. Collection in congregation do do.			3 06
Slippery Rock, Pa. From auxiliary society, per Rev. Robert Temple,			10 00
St. Pauls, N C. Collection in congregation, do. W. C. Anderson,			4 25
Salisbury, do. Do do do.			2 50
Shelbyville, Ky. From auxiliary society in part, per Rev. S. H. Crane,			12 50
Waynesbury, Pa. Annual subscription of Presbyterian congregation, per Mr. Sam'l. Maclay, Jr.			21 50
Wyalusing, Pa. From Missionary Society, per Rev. S. H. Jones,			6 50
Zion, N C. Collection in congregation, per Rev. C. M'Iver,	1 00		
Donation from Rev. J. Rennie, per do.	10 00		
			11 00
Missionary Reporter. From sundry subscribers			30 50
SOLOMON ALLEN, *Treasurer,* *No.* 18, *South Third Street.*			$895 46

Note.—The Presbytery of Watertown, N. Y. report twenty-two auxiliaries; the amount collected from seventeen, is $367 09½ cents.

THE
EDUCATION REGISTER.

EDITED BY WILLIAM NEILL, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

BENEFICIARIES.

The Board have now under their care *forty-three* young men, who are pursuing their studies with a view to the Gospel ministry. They are in different stages of preparation for the great work to which they have devoted their lives. Should they live and enjoy health, they will, in a few years, enter on the duties of the sacred office; and then, by the grace of God, they will delight to publish the unsearchable riches of Christ to a perishing world; and, attended by a divine blessing, they will be instrumental in enriching with the treasures of eternity many who are now sunk into extreme spiritual poverty. And when the retribution of a future world shall have been pronounced, it will be found that all contributions to their support, offered in faith, were acceptable in the sight of the final Judge of all, and have met with a most gracious reward. None will then regret having aided in the good work, by their pecuniary donations. But if regret could affect the minds of the redeemed in glory, they would regret they had not done much more in the way of such contributions to raise up a host of Gospel heralds to proclaim salvation to a dying world. In anticipation of the feelings of the last day, let each one appropriate to the funds of the Board as the Lord has prospered him.

Cases.

It may be interesting to the friends of the Board to be furnished with a specimen of the cases of the young men who are now partaking of their bounty. No. 1. Mr. C. S. is thus recommended by a correspondent in whose judgment the executive committee have reliance:

"He is about eighteen years of age, of ardent piety, good talents, and unusually correct judgment. He is an excellent English scholar, and has some knowledge of the elementary Latin books. He was for several years clerk in the store of ———. It is about three or four years since he made a profession of religion. I know no young man of more hopeful piety, or better qualifications for the ministry of the Gospel, for which he is very anxious to be prepared. About a year ago, he was received under the patronage of the —— ——— Missionary Society, at the recommendation of the Rev. Mr. H.; and after pursuing his studies for several months, he was employed as a teacher in the ——— ———, in which employment he still continues. But as that society is about to discontinue this branch of their operations, and as he has now advanced so far in life, I feel desirous, as he does, that he should commence his studies preparatory for the ministry, this fall, or by December.

No. 2. Mr. T. H. is a member of Mr. H's church. He has been a professor of religion about as long as Mr. S. but is only sixteen or seventeen years of age. He has been prosecuting Latin and Greek studies at an academy in M——— county, in this state, in the vicinity, and under the direction of the Rev. —— ———. He has made fine progress in his studies. His teacher, an excellent man and scholar, represents him as a young man of uncommon capacity. He has advanced as far as Virgil, and I believe has commenced the Greek. Mr. H. highly recommended him to me, and I sent him to the academy last fall, at my risk; but your committee, by an appropriation of forty-five dollars, relieved me from the expense until the 1st of May. His tuition and board, and a few books since that time, have amounted to forty-eight or fifty dollars. If the committee would be so good as to pay this bill, I should be glad, as it would relieve me from a burden which I am unable to bear. I cannot, without great embarrassment, bear this expense. I wish, if it be possible, that they would do so, and receive both these young men henceforth under their patronage. The father of Mr. S. is a Baptist I believe, and most of the family are methodists; but he is a decided Presbyterian, from investigation. His father is not able to do more than clothe the young man, in Mr. H's opinion, and this he is willing to do.—Mr. H's father has considerable property, but is wasting it as fast as he can through intemperance. He is willing to clothe his son, and nothing more. I have talked to him on this point, but to no purpose. As I must in a few days make some arrangement about these young men, a speedy decision by the committee would be acceptable. Mr.

H. will confirm my testimony in favor of these young men. I know them to be worthy young men, or I should not recommend them. If the committee receive them, they will have to determine where they shall pursue their studies hereafter.

No. 3. A young man, student of theology in our town, Mr. T. C. becomes an object of interest and attention, in my estimation, to the Education Society.—I need not detail the circumstances in full, a word or two may suffice. He is a graduate of Washington College, first order of talents, good scholar, has been teaching here the past year, will probably be licensed to preach next April, if he can obtain a little pecuniary aid, but if not, he will be one year later at least, entering that vineyard now suffering for want of cultivators. If you can do any thing for Mr. C. I know you will. He expects to refund the money to the Society in two or three years.

No. 4. No doubt you are able to conjecture the true cause of my silence, which is a fear of discovering to my parents a knowledge of the favor which you have conferred upon me. I have, therefore, deferred writing to you until the present; an opportunity now offering whereby I can send a letter without the fear of awaking suspicion. Mr. — says he has also had the same fears, as our post-mark is known, and for that reason has postponed writing to you. I hope the reason which I have enforced will serve as an apology for the length of my silence, which otherwise might appear to be the effect of ingratitude on my part. I now proceed to give you an account of my situation, for the comforts of which I have abundant reason to be grateful. Upon my arrival here, I was kindly received by Mr. and Mrs. ——, and after some conversation with the former, he told me that he thought the best method would be to pursue my studies privately, until my father should discover where I was, and then to ask his permission to enter the Academy; as that course appeared to be best calculated to conciliate my father's favour, I accordingly pursued it. I expect that you are acquainted with nearly all the circumstances connected with my situation, and I need only to say, therefore, that I was disappointed in the expectation of reconciling my father, who when he knew where I was, first invited me to return home, promising to forget all that was past; but as this proposal did not contain any thing favorable to my design of studying for the ministry, I considered that a compliance would be a waste of time, and therefore declined accepting it. My brother shortly after came, carrying a letter from my father, which informed me, that he entirely disapproved of my intention of studying for the ministry; that if I chose to return I should have a home and a father's protection, otherwise I need not look to him for any assistance. I chose the latter, and am therefore, dependant upon your Presbytery for means to accomplish my design. I am now reading Virgil and learning the Greek grammar. I have hitherto recited my lessons at noon and night to one of the teachers of the Academy, but expect to enter the Academy at the expiration of the present vacation, which will be in about three weeks, which time I expect to employ in reading history.

No. 5. The bearer S. C. is the youth of whom I spoke. He is sixteen years of age, a member, in full communion, of the —— Presbyterian Church, of hopeful piety; and I undestand from Mr. — who knows him better than I do, of good talents. He was 18 months at the printing business, and the last six months he passed in a school at ———, under the direction of the Rev. Mr. ———, supported by the ——— church. His parents are not able to bear the expense of his education. He knew nothing of Latin six months ago, and he says he now finds pleasure in reading Cæsar.

If you wish further information respecting him, Mr. ———, who had the oversight of him, can afford it, I doubt not, to your entire satisfaction.

No. 6. A few days since I received a letter from Mr. S. H., of ———, and formerly a college chum of mine, in which he expressed a desire of becoming a Beneficiary of the General Assembly's Education Society, and requested me to address you on the subject. He has had some conversation with the Rev. Joshua T. Russell of your city, on this subject, who engaged to mention his case to your Ex. Com. Lest Mr. R. has forgotten his engagement, permit me to state what I know of Mr. S. H. I have had the pleasure of an acquaintance with him for the last four years, he was my room-mate in college for one year. I have always esteemed Mr. H. as an humble and devotedly pious man; he always seemed to feel for perishing sinners, and manifested a spirit of prayer, when all around him were comparatively asleep—he was always regarded whilst in college, as a light shining in a dark place. In mental capacity and in-

tellectual acquirements, he is much above mediocrity. It is sufficient on this score, to say of him, that when graduating he took the first honour of his class. He graduated in 1828. If you wish any farther information respecting him, I will refer you to D. C—, or any of the officers of —— college. I know Mr. H. to be in every respect a worthy young man, on whom Christian charity would not be misapplied. He is in very indigent circumstances I know. I have frequently assisted him as far as my limited means would permit. He could now obtain aid from the ———, but he dislikes the plan and principles of that society, and cannot conscientiously receive their aid.

No. 7. By the Committee of the Presbytery of Columbus, who have the Education of candidates for the ministry confided to their superintendence, I have been directed to communicate to you as Secretary of the Board of Education, the fact that we have several promising young men who desire to devote themselves to the service of Jesus Christ in the Gospel Ministry, but are unable to support themselves in their preparatory studies.

Not long ago this Presbytery obtained a charter for an Academy, with a special view to the preparation of young men for the ministry. It is located at Worthington 8 miles north of this place, in a very eligible situation where the expenses of living are very small, and is under the care of a well qualified teacher. The Presbytery has appointed a Committee to examine and receive suitable youth under the patronage of the Presbytery, whether they are able or unable to defray the expenses of Education. One who is indigent has been received; one has entered the academy who has the means of supporting himself, and was prevented only by sickness from attending a meeting of the committee in order to sustain the necessary examinations; one is in the Ohio University of Ohio at Athens, who is not altogether indigent, but will require some aid, and has not met the Committee, because their meetings have been held while he was in the University; and three others offer themselves, who who will be entirely dependant on the aid of the church. All these are between the ages of 15 and 20, of unquestioned ardent piety, and possess good talents—none below mediocrity, the greater number of them are above it. They are mostly the sons of respectable men in low circumstances, to whom it s by no means a small sacrifice to lose heir ordinary labors. Besides these the Presbytery have under their care one candidate who is pursuing his Theological studies—is indigent, but at present provided for without their aid; and another who has graduated and is now employed in teaching and some preparatory studies, may probably soon be received; and a ninth, it is hoped, who is inferior to few in piety or intellect, and is able to support himself, will shortly enter the Academy. This statement I give as information of what we are doing and hope to do in this good work.

But our means of accomplishing all this are very limited, indeed totally inadequate. Of the pastoral charges in this Presbytery, (eleven in number, comprising twenty three congregations,) only three are able to support their pastors without aid; the others are aided by the Board of the General Assembly, or by the A. H. S. Our utmost efforts, we fear will only suffice to support one or at most two; but there are four who will be entirely dependant, and one may need some aid. I am therefore directed to apply to the Assembly's Board for some assistance. 250 or 300 dollars per annum will be necessary to enable us to meet the claims of this high and holy charity; and of this sum we do not expect to raise from our congregations much more than 100 dollars at this time. Can you afford us the aid we need.

No. 8. There is a young man at present in —— College, Mr. J—— N——, who needs aid from some Education society, to enable him to go on with his education. Mr. N. is a member of my church, and has the ministry in view. He has been in college a year and a half and is now in the Junior class. His father is a valuable man, an elder of my church; a merchant. He has recently failed, and is unexpectedly reduced, so as not to be able to pay his debts. His son must leave college, unless he can get aid.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE PLAN.

The maturing of a plan of united operations in favour of the Education cause in the Presbyterian Church, was committed to the General Agent. He has been providentially prevented from returning to the city in time to present it for publication in this number.

In these circumstances we beg leave to refer our readers to the first number, where they will see the general principles stated by which the operations of

the Board are to be governed. We take the liberty too, of requesting them to peruse again the last paragraph on the 14th page of that number.

PRELIMINARY REMARKS.

As the plan has been delayed, we offer a few preliminary remarks, to prepare the way for it.

1. In the organization of the Presbyterian Church we have as full security for the faithful application of the funds that may be raised, as can be found in any earthly transactions; because the ultimate controul belongs to the General Assembly. The whole church must become corrupt, before the funds can be systematically and permanently applied to the propagation of heretical errors. Were the present Board to act incorrectly, the authority of the General Assembly might interfere, and give a right direction to affairs: or if the brethren of Philadelphia should become errorists and wish to promote their peculiar views by using the funds of the church for that purpose, the Supreme judicatory might give the Board a new location, and appoint such members as might be relied on, to conduct its operations. So that if the Assembly possessed a large permanent fund for educating her sons, there exists in the organization of the Presbyterian church, a far greater security for its faithful application, than can be found in any corporate body, who choose their associates and successors. But the establishment of a permanent fund is not in contemplation. The Board design to expend their money as fast as they receive it.

2. Union and co-operation throughout the whole Presbyterian church in this great concern, is certainly desirable. It is earnestly hoped, that all the Synods, Presbyteries, Sessions, and Churches will so unite with the Board, that an annual exhibition of what is doing in this large, populous and wealthy denomination, may be presented to the religious public.

3. All auxiliaries should feel that they are bound to aid the Board in defraying general expenses. In maintaining correspondence, in necesssary publications, in supporting agents, the Board must incur a considerable expenditure of money, the burden of which should not be suffered to fall on the churches in the vicinity of the seat of its operation. The plan of union must therefore embrace an arrangement that will secure to the Board a due proportion of aid from all its auxiliaries.

4. If Presbyteries will forward all their funds, except what may be necessary to meet incidental expenses, the Board will agree to expend what they contribute, after deducting a portion for general expenditure, in supporting beneficiaries recommended by them, in any Academies, Colleges or Theological Seminaries they may select; and, when able, they will give their aid in educating more young men than their contributions can supply.

Presbyteries who wish to retain their own funds, should at least forward a due proportion to the Board to assist in defraying general expenses, and report the number of their beneficiaries and the places in which they are receiving their education.

5. Presbyteries may appoint executive committees to manage the education concern, and form all their congregations into auxiliaries on the plan of contributing twenty-five or fifty cents for each communicant; and under the superintendence of their respective Sessions. Exertions too should be made to procure from wealthy individuals larger annual subscriptions.

6. Congregations that may prefer becoming immediately auxiliary to the Board, will find a *form of a constitution* in the first number of the Education Register.

The above remarks are not to be regarded as exhibiting the plan that will be presented by the Board, but only as preliminary to it, and as indicating some of its probable features.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dear Sir,—I annex a list of former omissions in the Reporter, & an account of recent receipts. Yours sincerely,

J. STILLE.

William Brown, of Tenth Presbyterian Church—annual, - - -	$100	00
Furman Leaming, do. do. -	100	00
A collection from Rev. Mr. Fullerton's congregation, Hagerstown,	15	50
Do. from Green Castle, - -	17	56
Do. from Dr. Ely's church, - -	37	56
Donation from a missionary of the Board of Missions, in the West, -	4	50
	275	12

The following persons have engaged to pay to the Board annually $100.

Daniel Montgomery, Esq. Danville, Pa. Solomon Allen, Esq. do. John Stille, Esq. do. Robert Ralston, Esq. do. Ezra Stiles Ely, D. D. do. J. J. Janeway, D. D. do. Rev. Horace S. Pratt, St. Mary's, Ga. Wm. Brown, Esq. Philad. Furman Leaming, do. Alexander Henry, Esq. do.

PLAN

For rendering Sessions Auxiliary Societies to the General Assembly's Board of Missions.

It is believed, after much reflection, that Sessions may become the best auxiliary Missionary Societies that can exist in the Presbyterian Church—that they are more happily adapted to this purpose than any other associations that can be devised, and may supersede the necessity of any other. Sessions are already formed, and must be continued as an essential part in the order and government of the Presbyterian Church; and by their taking an agency in missionary affairs, the church will act *directly by her own officers*, which is the most proper and desirable mode of action, in every thing in which the church is concerned. By Sessions assuming the form of Missionary Societies, all the trouble and all the expense of forming other Missionary associations will be saved; and at the same time Missionary bodies will become more numerous, and more extensively and generally influential, throughout the whole Presbyterian population, than they can ever be otherwise rendered. Missionary operations will in this way be more intimately brought home, as they need to be, to every congregation and to every individual in it, as a concern of their own: and when the people see their own representatives, men of their own choice, and in whom they have confidence, managing and superintending this business, they will be likely to contribute more willingly, generally, and liberally, than they would otherwise do. If in some places it should be considered necessary or expedient, that an individual or two, without becoming regular members of Session, should be joined with it for the special purpose of conducting missionary business, there could be no objection to such a measure.

Auxiliary societies in missionary operations are always chiefly employed in collecting funds for the use of a parent society, or missionary board, by which missions are planned and Missionaries selected and sent forth. Now the Supreme Judicatory of the Presbyterian church have appointed a Missionary Board, the funds of which may easily and most effectually be aided by Sessions in the following ways.

1. It has been proposed by the Board to endeavour to obtain a voluntary subscription of 50 cents annually, from each communicating member in the Presbyterian Churches; and from all non-communicating members in every congregation, who may be willing to make such a contribution. On the funds to be derived from this measure much reliance is placed; and to execute this measure the Session of each congregation is manifestly the natural and proper organ. Let the Session point out the most proper and practicable method of obtaining subscribers; let them appoint a treasurer (one of their own number or any other suitable person) to receive all monies collected in the congregation, and forward them as speedily as practicable to the treasurer of the Board of Missions; let a particular day in the year—say Christmas or New Year's day—be appointed on or before which the 50 cent contribution should be paid; and when the appointed day is near at hand, let the pastor be requested to remind the people from the pulpit of their engagements, and say something calculated to excite and cherish among them a missionary spirit; let some suitable person be appointed to call on those who may not have deposited their subscriptions on or before the appointed day, to collect and deliver them to the treasurer; let an accurate list be kept of all subscribers, and let their number of subscribers be annually forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

2. The Session may promote the keeping of mission boxes in the houses of those who are friendly to the Missionary cause, the contents of which may occasionally be deposited with the treasurer of the Session.

3. The Session may take order that collections for the support of Missions be taken up at the Monthly Concerts for prayer, and appropriate the sums col-

ected in such manner as they may judge to be most equitable: and at these concerts information may be given, as indeed it ought to be given, to the people relative to Missionary concerns, and their minds stirred up to pray for and contribute to the support of the Missionary cause.

4. The members of Session can also receive and in a proper way solicit donations of a larger amount than the annual 50 or 25 cent contribution from those who may be able and willing to make such donations: and if any of the members are acquainted with individuals likely to favour the Missionary cause by testamentary bequests, they may in a discreet and delicate manner remind such individuals of the importance of aiding in sending the gospel to the heathen and to the destitute in our own land.

The foregoing presents a simple plan, of easy execution; and if it be followed up with spirit the whole Presbyterian church may in a few years be, as it is most desirable that it should be, actively engaged in missionary operations. But to produce this effect the Sessions must make and continue some active exertions. Now as *personal responsibility* affords the best security for a careful and persevering attention to any business, especially if it be of a public nature, it may be well that each Session should fix on *some individual*, who may attend to the collection of their Missionary funds, and be charged with superintending the whole concern in the congregation. If this office be found burdensome, it may be, after a fixed period, passed from one individual to another. It may also be well if the Session should make it a standing rule to have two meetings at least in a year expressly for the purpose of attending to Missionary concerns. As the minister of every congregation is always the Moderator of its Session, much—very much—will depend on his taking the lead, cordially co-operating, and discreetly and zealously urging forward an attention to Missionary concerns, both in the Session, and generally among the people of his charge: and it is hoped that no minister in the Presbyterian church will refuse his aid, in a matter of such high importance to the Christian church and the salvation of immortal souls as the sending of the gospel to those who are perishing in ignorance and sin.

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BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The period is so near at hand, when the Annual Report of the Board will be presented to the General Assembly, and through them to the churches, that we deem it unnecessary to enter into any details, at present, respecting our past operations in the Missionary cause. It may, however, be gratifying to our distant readers, to be put in possession, at this time, of a brief general statement of what has been accomplished by the Board since the 1st of May, 1829. To embrace such a statement in few words, we, therefore, remark—That the grand *results* of the operations of the Board, during the current year, are *more than double* of what they were the year preceding. Although the *number* of Missionaries, employed in the course of the year, falls a little short of *twice* the number employed in the year preceding, yet the amount of ministerial labor embraced in their commissions, and the amount of such labor actually performed, are nearly *three times* as great. The whole number of Missionaries and Agents is about one hundred and eighty, and about *four-fifths* of them have been commissioned for *one year* each.

The number of Auxiliaries has been more than doubled. These now amount to between 3 and 400. There has also been a like increase of the number of congregations, and destitute districts supplied. The pecuniary resources of the Board, embracing both the *actual payments*, and the *pledges*, which will soon be redeemed, are about twice as large as they were last year, and efforts are now making which promise a speedy increase of such resources.

A great amount of good, we have reason to believe, has also been already done, by the monthly publication of the Board. About 5000 copies of this work are now regularly distributed among the churches in nearly all the different states of the Union, and from the constant and rapid increase of our subscribers, we are encouraged to believe, that we shall be able to circulate twice this number of copies of a second volume.

The future prospects of the Board, in respect to an increase of Missionaries, are peculiarly animating and encouraging. We are now in possession of the names of nearly *thirty* well qualified men, who expect to engage in our service in the course of the ensuing six months, and more than one half of these have expressed a willingness to go to the south and southwest

Under these favorable circumstances the Board of Missions are enabled to look forward to their approaching anniversary with a degree of pleasure and confidence, which they have never before felt under similar circumstances. We have already experienced so many gracious tokens of the approbation, and favor of the Great Head of the church; and have received from a large number of important Synods, Presbyteries and Sessions, so many expressions of interest and confidence, that we cannot entertain a doubt of being hereafter sustained and encouraged by the counsels and prayers of that venerable judicatory, whose servants we are, and by the increased efforts and contributions of the churches generally.

It affords us very great pleasure to know, that the operations of kindred societies in our land have been considerably extended, and their resources increased, during the past year. Experience, therefore, shows, that all may exist, and act independently, and with great efficiency, without any injurious interferences and collisions. Our heart's desire, and prayer to God is, that they may thus continue to exist, and act, and that a divine and abundant blessing may rest upon them all.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW CASTLE, PA.

The stated meeting of this Presbytery was held at the Lacock church, in Lancaster county, on the 6th and 7th of April. On Tuesday at 12 o'clock, the opening sermon was delivered by the Rev. Robert White, to a pretty numerous and very attentive audience. In the afternoon of the same day, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions presented to the Presbytery a brief statement of the past history, present condition, and future prospects of the Board, at the close of which, the Rev. Dr. Dickey, and the Rev. Messrs. Barr and White were appointed a committee to take this statement into consideration, and report to the Presbytery such resolutions as they might think proper to be adopted. In the evening there was preaching in three or four different neighborhoods, by members of the Presbytery, and the meetings were all well attended.

On Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, A. M. agreeably to previous arrangements, the Presbytery united with the church of Lacock, in divine service, and the celebration of the Lord's supper. The sermon was preached by Mr. Wm. B. Worrell, a candidate for licensure from the Princeton Seminary, and the tables were served, and addresses delivered by three of the brethren previously appointed. The congregation was large, the services appropriate and interesting, and a remarkable stillness and solemnity were apparent throughout the whole of the exercises. The occasion, in this Presbytery, was novel, and proved to be so deeply interesting and profitable, that a resolution was subsequently adopted to administer the ordinance hereafter at every stated meeting of the Presbytery, on the second day of its sessions. It was, indeed, a precious and delightful season, both to the ministers, and private members of the church, and not a few of the spectators appeared to be deeply interested and affected.—At the close of the services, and before the congregation retired, Mr. Worrell was licensed to preach the Gospel.

In the afternoon of this day, a call was laid before Presbytery by the congregation of New Castle, for Mr. *John M. Dickey*, to become their Pastor, and also a request from the elders of the congregation of Middletown for the ordination of Mr. *Robert M'Cachran*, who has been laboring as a Missionary among them for about two years past. The call was put into the hands of Mr. Dickey, and accepted, and a meeting of the Presbytery was appointed at New Castle, early in May, for the purpose of ordaining both the gentlemen named.

During the sessions of the Presbytery, parts of trials were exhibited by several candidates for the ministry, and the usual reports from the churches on the state of religion were received. From these reports it appeared that no powerful revivals had been experienced during the past year, but that there had been a gradual increase of members, and an encouraging attention to the means of grace, and to the various objects of Christian benevolence. All the proceedings of the Presbytery were characterised by unity of sentiment, and fraternity of feeling.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the statement submitted by the Secretary of the Board of Missions, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That this Presbytery regard it as a duty of the highest importance, for every minister, every church session, and every Presbytery, to act on Missionary principles in their respective spheres, to co operate with each other in so doing, and to co-operate according to their means and opportunities with the whole church of Christ in the great cause of going into all the world and preaching the Gospel to every creature.

Resolved, That we approve of the present organization of the General Assembly's Board of Missions, and do agree to co-operate with them in Missionary efforts; and we particularly recommend to our congregations the formation of auxiliary societies on the fifty cent plan recommended by said Board.

Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Barr, Douglass, and Dickinson, be a Corresponding Executive Committee of Missions for the ensuing year for the northern division of our boundaries, and Rev. Dr. Magraw,

Messrs. Graham and White, be a similar committee for the southern, whose duty it shall be to superintend Missionary efforts in co-operation with the Board of Missions.

Resolved, That the Rev. J. N. C. Grier be Treasurer for the ensuing year, whose duty it shall be to hold all monies, not otherwise appropriated, at the disposal of the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions.

Resolved, That the monthly publication, edited by the Corresponding Secretaries of the Board of Missions and the Board of Education, in connexion, be, and it is recommended to the patronage of the people under our care.

The way having been thus fully prepared, the Assistant Secretary, Mr. *Robert B. Campfield, jr.* is now visiting the churches in this Presbytery, with a view of organizing them into Auxiliaries to this Board, and obtaining subscriptions and donations.

Presbytery of Fayetteville, N. C.

By a communication from Fayetteville, received a few days since, we are happy to learn, that this Presbytery, at its stated meeting last month, adopted, with great unanimity, the plan of Corresponding Executive Committees, which was published in the January number of the Reporter, and that they are "unanimously resolved to do every thing in their power to support the present measures of the Board." The Committee appointed consists of three ministers and two ruling elders, viz.—Rev. Messrs. *Colin M'Iver*, *John M'Intyre*, and *Allen M'Dougald*, Mr. *David Anderson* & Dr. *Archibald Smith*.

New Presbytery of Oxford, Ohio.

We are happy to learn, from our agent in the Synod of Cincinnati, the Rev. *Wm. J. Frazer*, that the Presbytery of Oxford, at its first meeting, held a few days since, adopted resolutions of a decisive character, in favor of the Board of Missions, and the Board of Education of the General Assembly.—The plan of Corresponding Executive Committees recommended by the Board of Missions was approved by the Presbytery, and such a committee was appointed, and immediately organized, and we expect very shortly to be officially informed of their doings. Most of the congregations in this new Presbytery have already been visited by our agent, and we have reason to believe they will soon be fully organized as auxiliaries on the fifty cent plan. The members of the Presbytery have presented an example of liberality, which can scarcely fail to produce a salutary influence on the congregations. They subscribed to the Board of Missions sixty-two dollars, and to the Board of Education fifty-one. Should an equal amount be subscribed by each of the Presbyteries connected with the Assembly, nearly $6,000 might thus be secured for the Board of Missions, and $5,000 for the Board of Education.

Sessional Auxiliary of Steubenville, O.

We have recently received a communication from the Rev. *C. C. Beatty*, containing $136 32 cts. for the Board of Missions, from the auxiliary connected with his congregation, and also the plan which has been adopted by the Session of his church, for raising funds for the Board, and for other benevolent purposes. We are so much pleased with this plan, and with the happy results which have already been realized, that we feel constrained to lay it before our readers, and to recommend it to the particular attention of the Sessions of our churches. The amount collected the present year, in the congregation of Steubenville, for Missionary purposes, is more than double of what it was last year. The reason, doubtless, is, that they have adopted a *system*, and *acted* upon it *promptly*. Let all our Sessions do the same and a great increase of pecuniary resources will be the certain consequence. If there be any of the Sessions who need assistance in the labor of collecting, let *them* select and appoint to this particular duty such private members of the church, as they may think duly qualified, and aid them by their counsels and their prayers, and the work will be done.

The plan of the above named Session is as follows.

"The Session, believing that the cause of Missions, foreign and domestic, is at once one of the most important and generally interesting charities of the present day—a cause to which this congregation have contributed liberally in time past, and to which we believe them disposed to contribute liberally hereafter, feel desirous that some regular channel may be provided, through which offerings on this subject may flow to their desired object.

"The Board of Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church having recommended the plan of Sessions becoming auxiliary societies as the most proper and efficient method of managing Missionary business by the

churches, it was resolved unanimously,

1. That this Session become auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the General Assembly.

2. That while we consider ourselves as more immediately connected with that Board which is responsible to the highest judicatory of our church, yet that our great object shall be to foster a Missionary and benevolent spirit, and to offer a channel through which may be communicated offerings to any Missionary or benevolent soc. whatsoever.

3. That in our collections, every donor shall have the liberty of directing to what object or society his or her donation shall be appropriated, the Session engaging to forward the amount as soon, and at as little expense, as possible, with the understanding however, that unless some particular direction be given as to the donation, it will be forwarded to the Board of Missions.

4. That a requisite number of collectors, either male or female, be annually appointed to call on members of the congregation and others to subscribe and pay whatever they may think proper, and that no subscription be considered binding beyond the present year, unless it be so stated by the person subscribing. That all monies paid in before the 1st of April in any year, be counted as for that year, and all after the 1st of April as belonging to the ensuing year.

5. That the Treasurer of the Session keep a separate account of such monies, subject to the order of the Session, and that on the Monday of the next ensuing communion season after the 1st of April in each year, a report be read to the congregation after public worship, of the receipts and appropriations of the past year."

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

Ohio.

From the Rev. Sylvester Scovel, Harrison, Hamilton Co. Ohio, February 4th, 1830.

"Through the good hand of God upon us, I am enabled to report the labours of 7 months of the year embraced in my commission, 6 only of which have been spent in this place. Preached often on my way, and at Cincinnati, where I arrived on the 13th of July: remained one week, and then commenced efforts in my present field. The field is wide. It commences a little below the mouth of the Great Miami and extends up this river and its tributary, the Whitewater, a distance of full 15 miles, embracing a region fertile almost beyond a parallel in this country: and though 40 years ago, the red-men and wolves were undisturbed possessors here, yet now the surface is covered with improvements, villages, and a dense bustling population. This population is enterprising and intelligent, and would not suffer by a comparison, in these respects, with any similarly selected number at the east. There is however a large part of one generation here, who have grown fearfully beyond the influence of religious means. In the absence of culturing and restraining influences, they have become Infidels, Deists, and Universalists; and are exhibiting the fruits of these errors in swearing, drunkenness, gambling, sabbath-breaking, and other such like vices. Against this desolating tide a few of different denominations have stood firm under many discouragements. They have prayed for the prevalence of truth not without success. Among these are our Methodist brethren, who with their light infantry, have penetrated every vein of the country. They preponderate in numbers here and have done much good. Of our denomination, there was in my field one church scattered and feeble consisting of about 40 members. They had leagued themselves together however to pray that God would send them a minister, and when your missionary was directed into their neighbourhood, they thought their prayers were heard, and gave thanks to God.

An aged, respectable man, who had lived to see his 13 children reach the years of maturity around him, and who came from the doors of the sanctuary at the east, said, "I have wept when I looked upon my children, and thought there was no one to teach them the way of the Lord, I went into my cabin and plead and wrestled that God would remember us, and then looked up my lane to see if no one was approaching: ah, many a tear have I shed by the side of my brush-heaps when clearing my farm, and many a prayer have I there sent up for this church in the wilderness." I have heard much language of this kind. I have seen too the the tears of those who have been 5, 10, or 15 years away from the table of their Lord, and who mourned the decay of those affections which by such means were once wont to be cherished.

Influenced by such feelings the people gave us a warm reception, and have uniformly appeared studious of our comfort and usefulness. Their ef-

forts to render us contented and happy have been hitherto altogether successful. They soon began to finish their church, and though it had stood 9 years through various discouragements without door or window, and with only part of a floor, it is now inclosed, and is about to be finished and dedicated. This is the house in H. where I reside. At Lawrenceburgh, another of the places of my preaching, we have formed a church which now consists of 20 members. It is the county seat of Dearborn Co. Indiana. Our prospects here are good; far beyond our early expectations. At my other places of preaching there is nothing of special interest except that the way is opening at one of them for the speedy formation of another Church.

The attendance at stated places of worship is good and at some of them increasingly large and solemn. Let us not be forgotten in your prayers.

We are doing something in the bible cause, have formed 4 Tract Societies, in one of which the monthly distribution is commenced, 4 Sunday Schools in connexion with which are 3 flourishing Bible classes—have usually attended 2 prayer meetings each week—made about 175 family visits—attended 3 sacramental seasons—preached 99 sermons—admitted 42 to the communion of the church—baptized 7 adults and 12 infants—and travelled about 2300 miles.

Missouri.

On the 7th of December last, Mr. John F. Cowan, was appointed a Missionary to this State, with instructions to visit St. Louis, and consult with the Rev. Mr. Potts, respecting the particular field of his labours. Having been detained at Louisville for several weeks, on account of the ice in the river, he did not arrive at St. Louis until the 20th of February. On the 25th of the same month Mr. C. entered upon his Missionary labours in the congregations of Apple Creek, and Brazeu, in the counties of Cape Girardeau, and Perry. In a letter to the Cor. Sec. dated April 7th, 1830, Mr. Cowan gives the following interesting account of the fields assigned him, and of the commencement of his Missionary labours.

"During the month and 3 days, which passed from the time of my arrival at Apple Creek until I was interrupted as above stated, I preached 15 times, and rode 16 miles to fulfil another appointment which I supposed had been made, but was disappointed, and I also visited upwards of 30 families. This however is more labour than I have either intellectual or physical strength to perform, and more than I intend performing in future. The Apple Creek congregation is truly an interesting people. It is composed of emigrants from North Carolina. The church consists of 100 members. The congregation numbers from 3 to 400. Should emigration continue as it has done, it will soon be the largest church and congregation in the state of Missouri. It is now only exceeded in numbers by St. Louis church and congregation. They have subscribed from 150 to 200 dollars for the one half of my time. They have organized a Tract Society and forwarded 15 dollars for Tracts. We are also about commencing 2 Sabbath Schools, and have collected about $16 for library and School books. A female prayer meeting has also been suggested, and will no doubt be attended to.

The Brazeau church and congregation, is at present feeble. They desire the one fourth of my time, and for this object will subscribe from 50 to 100 dollars. The prospect in this place is also I think flattering. Emigration is rapidly going on. The present settlers are from North Carolina. At Brazeau, they have no meeting house, but are about to build one. This little church is in the vicinity of a considerable Catholic establishment, consisting of a college, a seminary and a monastery, and whilst from this circumstance it will labour under some difficulties, yet I hope it will shed and put forth a sufficiency of Gospel light and heat, to supersede in time the necessity of their wax candles.

From the above you will learn that the two congregations of Apple Creek and Brazeau are to have three fourths of my time. How much they will be able to raise towards my support I cannot exactly tell, but certainly betwixt 200 and 300 dollars, say 250. The other one fourth of my time, I intend labouring in 2 or 3 places in the vicinity, where in time, congregations may I think be gathered.

On Sabbath evening last your Missionary was ordained by the laying on of the hands of the Missouri Presbytery.

In conclusion your missionary would say that he feels grateful to God for sending him to his present field of labour; and also that he feels confident

that the support which you are at present affording to this people, will soon be returned with interest.

Revival in Andover, Allegany Co. N.Y.

At the earnest request of the congregations of Greenwood and Andover, N.Y. the Rev. Jabez Spicer was appointed on the 6th of January last, to labour in those places for 1 year, as a Missionary of this Board, to depend on the people for the principal part of his support. In a letter to the Cor. Secretary, dated March 1st, 1830, our Missionary gives the following brief account of a revival of religion in Andover.

"There has been a more pleasing work of Divine grace in Andover, than was ever before witnessed in the place. The little Church, feeling alarmed at the low state of religious feeling, the progress of vice, immorality, and false schemes of religion, deeply sensible that while Christians were slumbering the enemy was busy sowing tares, were aroused from their lethargy to use the means which God had appointed to promote vital Godliness and evangelical piety; they appointed stated meetings of the Church, which were punctually attended and spent in confessing their sins, supplicating forgiveness, and conversing upon the great and distinguishing doctrines of the Bible, which draw the parting line between the righteous and the unrenewed. God did not long leave them without an evidence of his gracious presence; meetings became more frequent and filled with anxious enquirers after truth, followed with evidence that a saving change was wrought in the hearts of some; fourteen have made a profession of their faith in Christ and united with the Presbyterian church; there are numbers more entertaining hopes, who will probably soon make a public dedication of themselves to God. There has been a remarkable soundness in the faith and clearness of understanding in the fundamental doctrines of the Bible, observable in those who have made a profession, especially when we consider how much has been done here as well as in other new settlements to prejudice the mind against the truth.

Progress of Temperance.

The cause of Temperance is rapidly gaining ground in all this region. Temperance Societies are formed in the respective towns and extending a salutary influence.

A wedding without wine.

On the 18th of February I was called upon to solemnize the marriage of Mr. H. P. to Miss L. S. in Greenwood. A large and respectable assembly were convened on the occasion, but not one drop of ardent spirits, nor even wine was admitted in the circle. The worthy bride, who has for many years been a professor of the religion of Jesus Christ, and considered by all her acquaintance eminent for piety, was earnestly solicited by a few to admit Madeira, Claret, Rosa and Flora, but she, with the decided approbation of the groom, stood firm never to be married in the presence of any such guests.

Illinois.

A second quarterly report has just been received from Mr. Isaac Bennet, a Missionary of the board in White County. The labors of Mr. B. are confined principally to the congregations of Carmi, and Sharon, but he preaches occasionally in four other places. The Great Head of the church has graciously smiled upon his efforts, and much good has already been accomplished, as will appear from the following extracts from his report.

"I have met with many discouragements and some opposition, but my prospects, I think, for the most part are assuming a more favourable aspect. Our meetings in the churches and also in the world are orderly and solemn, and, with few exceptions, they are well attended. In some places of preaching the assemblies are increasing, though the excitement which was at first produced by novelty, has in a great measure subsided. This itself is a symptom, which sometimes encourages me, especially when I consider the numerous obstacles, which the people must surmount in assembling to hear the gospel—obstacles which to eastern brethren would appear insurmountable.

My plan requiring me to range so extensive a field and to preach so frequently in public, to afford a partial supply to these churches, I have not found as much leisure to visit them from house to house as I have desired; hence I am not prepared to give a definite account of the state of things in the several congregations.

Awakenings and hopeful conversions.

I stated in my first report that in one or two of our churches there were some interesting appearances of a work of grace, which has since been in some measure extending. In personal conversation I have met with about thirty,

who are under convictions and to some extent awakened. Fifteen or sixteen of these are beginning in a greater or less degree, to indulge a hope in a crucified Saviour. The most of the latter number are within the limits of the Carmi and Sharon congregations; among whom (because you assigned them to me as my principal field of labour) I have devoted my liesure time in talking from house to house.

There are some encouraging symptoms in one or two of the other little churches; but I am not so well acquainted with the state of things among them; because I have not yet found leisure to visit them in their families, my time only suffering me to go to them once a month during the week days, and then, after preaching two or three times, to return immediately to other appointments. But I purpose so to arrange matters, as to spend some time among them during the ensuing month.

The attention of the brethren of Hopewell church (40 miles west of Carmi) appears considerably excited to the subject of religion. They seem to be taking their harps down from the willows, where they were hung for two years, during which they were entirely destitute of their order of preaching. Finding at one or two of my last visits to them, that their private cabins, were not sufficient, well to accommodate the assemblies, which collected, even on a week day, (for I have no sabbaths to spend with them;) they appointed a day for convening for the purpose of erecting some kind of a house for public worship.

Utility of Tracts.

The excitement produced by the gratuitous distribution of tracts, with which I was furnished by the liberality of the Pittsburg Society, has resulted in the formation of three Societies in my field; two of which were organized previously to my first report; to which the third has since been added, and the way has been prepared for organizing two or three more, as soon as I can find leisure to devote to that object.

Sabbath Schools.

Our Sabbath School at Carmi has survived the winter without suspending its operations; but the difficulties, which it has had to encounter, have reduced the number of scholars, but we hope that it will revive again, when the favourable seasons sets in, and when we receive a supply of books sent for, which will obviate the most serious difficulties.

As the spring has arrived we purpose to attempt the organization of a school at Sharon at our next meeting; an attempt which it was not thought advisable to make during the inclemency of the winter.

Settlement of a Pastor contemplated.

As these two little churches are very weak, and now deliberating on the subject of settling a pastor, and of supporting him from their own resources, I have not yet thought it expedient to propose to them the question of becoming auxiliary to your Board of Missions, or of contributing to its funds in any way at present.

Though I believe that the people are sensible of their duty; and disposed cheerfully to contribute to the utmost of their ability, as an expression of their gratitude for that most needful and timely aid, which they have received; for which they seem deeply to feel their obligations to your Board, under the Great Head of the Church, who disposes all events.

Want of religious Intelligence.

The 7 copies of the Reporter & Register sent to us have been received by the subscribers, who appear deeply interested in them, having their expectations fully realized. I believe they are doing good among us, and hope that they will have a happy tendency to awake up these little churches, because they direct the attention of the saints to those benevolent institutions patronized by the eastern brethren. With these glorious characteristics of the age in which we live, the churches in this place have too little acquaintance. Some publication which, like this, is furnished at a very reduced price, is the only medium, through which this poor western desolation can hope now to receive that interesting intelligence respecting the movements of the church, which is necessary to remove prejudices, and to facilitate the labours of missionaries in organizing benevolent Societies. When I can find a little time to devote to it, I design to use some exertions to obtain more subscribers to this work.

The following is a summary of my labours of the last three months: travelled 728 miles—Preached 75 times—attended the Monthly Concert twice—met a small Bible class weekly—made 28 family visits—formed one Tract Society—and distributed about 1800 pages of tracts.

Ohio.

From the report of the Rev. Robert Rutherford, a Missionary in the South Eastern part of this state, dated March 15, 1830, we have selected and would commend to the special attention of all our Missionaries the following remarks on the subject of

FAMILY VISITING.

"Your Missionary humbly hopes that his family visitations, which in Salt creek, and Ebenezer, are now nearly closed, have not been without profit, and that they have been no less profitable to himself, than to those with whom he held conversation. In these visitations he was sometimes enabled to come into close contact with youth and others, and to detect and expose the illusions by which they were deceiving themselves. Some of them seemed deeply impressed, and anxious to know what they should do to be saved. Thus he was enabled, he trusts, in some instances to speak to the heart, to show the danger of delay, and to point to the remedy provided in the gospel. One principal illusion, which seemed to lull many to sleep on the lap of carnal security, was a hope, that at some future time they would devote their lives to the service of Christ. Wherever he found this false illusion and dangerous hope, he endeavoured to explain to those indulging it, the blessed hope of the gospel; that it is founded on the rock of the Redeemer's righteousness and evidenced to be genuine by a constant and uniform attendance on all the ordinances of grace, and a scrupulous adherence to all the injunctions of the gospel; and then pointed out the danger of their present hope, and affectionately exhorted them to cast it away, and to seek in Christ that grace which would inspire them with that hope which would not make them ashamed. It is this false hope which obviously blunts our keenest weapons of attack upon the sinner. Hence this should be carefully sought out and exposed. Your Missionary preached in the evening, in the neighbourhood where he had visited during the day to crowded and solemn assemblies. And here permit him to remark, and the remark perhaps may be useful to some engaged in Missionary labours, that family visitation is of the utmost importance to build up the Church of Christ, and bring out families to hear the gospel. In family visitation the Missionary may often speak to the heart and conscience. His remarks may be more familiar, and pointed, nor are they so likely to be evaded. Besides he will be enabled, in this way, to render his sermons more extensively beneficial. Since your Missionary began his family visitations, our assemblies are more full, attentive, and solemn. Praying societies have been established. In this work he had much to encourage him. Requests were frequently made by families to be visited, and on several occasions a number associated together that they might be conversed with.

Opposition to Temperance Societies abating.

"Amidst a host of opposition we have at length succeeded in forming a Temperance Society at Olive, by the name of the Olive Temperance Society, of Morgan county, Ohio. The society at present consistst of between twenty and thirty members; it is however increasing in importance and numbers. Some of its most violent opposers are beginning to occupy neutral ground. Others, who are still unfriendly to the institution, have said that they will not use ardent spirits on their farms or in their families. At Ebenezer a society has been formed. At Salt creek your Missionary has been endeavouring to prepare the way, and confidently expects that an extensive and respectable society will shortly be formed there.

In this region there is much need for a reform. The monster Intemperance has stalked abroad, hitherto, unresisted, scattering fire brands, arrows, and death, in his train. Multitudes of different ranks and ages, have become his victims, and yielded to his iron grasp. But the cause of Temperance is the Lord's. It is moved on by the arm of Omnipotence, and must prevail. All the engines set in motion against it by earth and hell, cannot stop it, or even retard its progress. The fact that it is opposed argues well. Satan is obviously alarmed for the safety of his kingdom. The votaries of inebriation are beginning to tremble for their beloved Dagon, already prostrated in some measure, before the Ark of the God of Zion. May the Lord prosper the efforts of the friends of humanity, until the streams of Temperance, issuing as it were, from the throne of Heaven, shall refresh, and cheer every part of our beloved county.

Virginia.

Extract from a quarterly report of the Rev. A. D. Montgomery, dated Danville, April 12th, 1830.

I have the pleasure to know and believe that the influence of our little

church is not confined to the village of Danville. People from 15 or 20 miles around us are frequently in the place, and often attend church, and express their desires to have preaching of the same kind, in their respective neighbourhoods. One lady who not long since spent a fortnight, remarked, "we know nothing about such preaching where I live;" and expressed an ardent desire to be where she could hear the gospel.—Another, says she, "O, how great are your privileges here, I have nothing like this in my neigbourhood." —Another when leaving the place, after attending a communion meeting, said to her friend, "Let me know when your two days meetings take place, and I will come." They reside from Danville, from 15 to 40 miles. I hope, Sir, the day is not far distant when the Lord will more powerfully visit us in in this region.

"I must again ask the assistance of the Board another twelve months. I do not ask this, because I have done great services; but because the church is yet weak, and unable, of itself, under existing circumstances to support the gospel. I will use every prudent measure to aid the views of the Board, so far as my knowledge extends. There are very few who are not members of the Church that give any thing; and some of them not able to contribute but very little. Please accept my thanks, and the thanks of my dear people, to the Board for their former kindness. May Heaven's King reward your labour of love; not only here, but wherever your Missionaries go and preach Christ.

"The remaining 50 dollars will be thankfully received, whenever convenient to the Board to send it on. I hope this year to be able to send half of the 100 dollars back again.

Georgia.

From Mr. *Samuel R. Talmage*, a Missionary in the western part of this state, dated April, 1830.

"I have now been laboring as a Missionary in this state for five months.—During this period, I have travelled about 1300 miles, preached 55 sermons, and visited about 150 families. I have labored about two months on the east of the Flint river, and three in the new purchase, (by this is meant the tract of land last purchased from the Indians,) between the Flint river and Chattahoochee. The New Purchase promises to be an important part of the state.—Although it has been settled only two or three years, it contains a great number of inhabitants, and there is a constant stream of population flowing in that direction from the two Carolina's, and from the older settlements of this state.

There are several circumstances which are favorable to the progress of the Gospel. One fact is, that there is very little open infidelity. Deists, Universalists and Unitarians, have not taken that bold stand in this state which they have in many others. Another encouraging circumstance is, that they are generally willing and anxious to hear the preaching of the Gospel. The travelling of 8 or 10 miles to church is no insuperable difficulty to those who reside that distance from the place of worship.

On the other hand, there are some obstacles to the spread of the Gospel in the western part of the state. The unsettled moving state of society, the deficiency of common schools, and the prevalence of strong sectarian feeling, all contribute in some measure to retard the progress of the Gospel.

In conclusion, I would observe, that the present appears to be a crisis when a few ministers of the Gospel, men of piety, zeal, and conciliating manners, might, with the blessing of God, do incalculable good in the western part of Georgia."

REPORTS OF AGENTS.

From the Rev. Wm. J. Fraser, Springfield, Clark co. Ohio, March 26th, 1830.

Under date of Jan. 30, I informed you that I was confined from my labors, as agent of the Board, by sickness. After an illness of about three weeks, I resumed my business, and have been, I hope, faithfully employed. Through snow, rain, and mud, I have travelled five hundred and ten miles, visited nearly all the churches in the Presbytery of Oxford, and such in the Presbytery of Cincinnati as were not previously in connection with the Board or with the A. M. H. I have preached forty sermons, plead the cause of the Board in a separate discourse twenty-three times, assisted in administering the Lord's supper once, held several conferences or enquiry meetings, exhorted frequently, and visited sick persons and families as often as I had time and opportunity. I have felt a strong desire to do good as a common Missionary, as I early discovered that but little money could be obtained in this field at present. There are not in the Presbytery

of Oxford more than two congregations able to support a minister of the Gospel. Most of the other churches are struggling hard to procure even a small part of a clergyman's time. They will, however, nearly all do something. My course has been to lay the plans and claims of the Board before the people; sometimes starting a subscription and directing the Session to report success to their Presbytery; at other times leaving them to choose their own method of contributing. In all cases I have advised that the Session and Presbytery be the channels of communication. In places where there are ministers, I have acted with their approbation and advice. In my excursion, I visited the churches of New Jersey, Eton, Seven Mile, Bethel, Mount Carmel, Harrison, Lawrenceburg, Rising Sun, Zoar, Vevay, Venice, Hamilton, (lower) Springfield, Unity and Pisgah. Vevay, Lawrenceburg, Harrison, Venice, Bethel, Pisgah and Bell Brook may be set down as new auxiliaries.—Some others reported as auxiliaries, were organized before the present plans of the Board were matured, and had subscribed for *one year only*. These I have re-organized on the permanent plan. I have requested the Sessions to procure all the subscribers they can for the Reporter, giving the names and address to the corresponding committee of Presbytery, and receiving returns by their order.

Another report has been received from Mr. Fraser, dated April 10th, giving an account of his visit to the Presbytery of Oxford. Some of the results of this visit are noticed in a preceding page of the present number. It may here be added, that Mr. F. obtained 15 subscribers to the Reporter, and collected $34 25 cts. from auxiliary societies, which will be noticed in the report of the Treasurer.

New York.

In the course of the last month, the Assistant Secretary of the Board, Mr. *Robert B. Campfield, Jr.* spent a few days in the city of New York, and on Long Island. He visited the congregations of Wall, Murray, and Canal streets, and the 8th congregation, and received for the Board between three and four hundred dollars. He prepared the way for the formation of an auxiliary in the Pearl street congregation, and had assurances from the Pastor, the Rev. Benjamin H. Rice, that an auxiliary should be organized early in the month of May. He also visited the congregation of Jamaica, L. I. under the pastoral care of the Rev. E. W. Crane, and received encouragement that $100 would be raised in that congregation before the meeting of the Assembly.

In the Wall street congregation there is one subscriber for $100, one for $50, one for $25, one for $20, and several for $10 and $5 a year for 10 years.

Presbytery of Concord, N. C.

A Communication has just reached us from the Rev. *R. H. Morrison*, containing the pleasing intelligence that this Presbytery, at its last stated meeting, held a few days since, "resolved, cordially, to unite with the Board of Missions, and to give it all the co-operation in their power."

A Corresponding Ex. Committee was appointed, consisting of the following persons, viz:

Rev. John Robinson, D. D. Rev. M. Wilson, D. D. Rev. Robert H. Morrison, Rev. Stephen Frontis, Rev. Henry M. Kerr, Rev. John Silliman; John Phifer, Esq. Col. Wm. S. Allison, and George Andrews, Esq.

Of this Committee the Rev. John Robinson, D.D. Concord, N. C. is Chairman, and the Rev. Robert H. Morrison, Charlotte, N. C. Cor. Sec. and Treas.

Presbytery of Erie, Pa.

By a letter received April 27th from the Rev. *Johnston Eaton*, we are gratified to learn, that this Presbytery, at its late stated meeting, resolved itself into a Cor. Ex. Committee of the Board of Missions. "The members," says our correspondent, "are very cordial in giving whatever assistance may be in their power, to the Board. Associations have been formed, in a number of our congregations, on the 50 cent plan, and we hope there will be more."

NEW AUXILIARIES.

New Jersey, Lamington; *Pa.* Northumberland, Fairview, Mount Pleasant, Sawickly; *Indiana*, Bath; *Kentucky*, Pisgah, Cynthiana.

The following auxilliaries have just been reported by our agent, the Rev. John Hudson. The particulars of his report must be deferred until the next month.

Arbans, Bethesda, Walnut Hill, Hopewell, Georgetown, Frankfort, Winchester, Mount Sterling, Springfield, North Middletown, Carlisle, Maysville, Dansville, Greensbury, Montfordsville, Glasgow, Bowling Green, Russellville, Elkton, Elkton Academy, Hopkinsville, Hinton's School, Clarksville, Concord

Church, Union Church, Greenville, Mount Zion, Mount Pleasant, Bethany, Caney Fork, Augusta. Total 329.

We are gratified to learn, from the First Annual Report of the Watertown Presbytery, which has recently come to hand; that, within the bounds of this Presbytery, and the Black River Association, both of which are Auxilliary to this Board, there have recently been organized 22 Congregational Auxiliaries: viz. Watertown, Adams, Antwerp, Oxbow, Theresa, Alexandria, Champion, Rutland, Brownville, Sackets Harbour, Le Roy, Orleans, Rodman, Lorraine, Ellisburg, Lowville 1st church, Lowville 2d church, Martinsburgh, Denmark, 2d, Cape Vincent, Smithville, and North Adams. From 17 of these congregations $367,09½, have been paid into the Treasury of the Presbytery; and the returns of the rest are expected shortly. The plan of Auxiliary Associations, adopted by this Presbytery, is essentially the same as that which has been recommended to all the churches by the Board of Missions, and we are not surprised to hear from the Executive Committee the following decisive testimony respecting the excellence and efficiency of the plan: "The Committee cannot refrain from congratulating the Presbytery on the adoption of the plan they have introduced within our bounds; as they think it adapted, if carried into full effect, to call forth the physical and moral energies of our churches and congregations more extensively and successfully, than any other system heretofore employed. To realize, however; a result so desirable, great dependence, under God, must be placed upon the ministers and officers of the several churches, without whose active and even zealous co-operation, comparatively little can be done in promoting the interesting and momentous objects that lie before us."

We cannot but indulge the confident expectation that an example so truly praise worthy, and an effort so successful, will soon have its proper influence upon other Presbyteries, and prompt them to similar, and equally successful efforts in the cause of Christian benevolence.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS.

Rev. Pierce Chamberlain, 12 months to the Presbytery of Erie, Pa.; Mr. G. H. Hampson, 3 months to same Presbytery.

Rev. L. B. Sullivan, 12 months to the 1st and 2d congregations, Pembroke, N. Y.

Rev. A. Rawson, 12 months to Royalton and Shelby, N.Y.

Mr. John Montgomery, for 2 months to Northumberland co. and adjacent vacancies in Northumberland Presbytery, Pa.

Mr. Robert Young, 12 months to Millersburg and East Hopewell, Holmes co. O.

Mr. John S. Galloway, 3 months to Frederick and vicinity, Md.

Mr. W. B. Worrell, 2 months to Stillwater, Sussex co. N. J.

Mr. J. W. Cunningham, 6 months to Dutch Neck, N. J.

Rev. A. B. Lawrence, 12 months to Lebanon, Wilson co. Tenn.

Mr. Wm. Carlisle, 12 months to Varrenes and Broadaway, S. C.

Mr. John W. Woodward, 3 months to the Presbytery of Watertown, N. Y.

Rev. Moses Hunter, 1 year to the congregation of Angelica, N. Y.

Rev. John McKinney, 6 months to congregation of Harmony, O.

Rev. John Hunt, 1 year to congregation of McConnelsville, Deerfield & Windsor, O.

Re-appointments.

Mr. James B. McCreary, 12 months to Lawsville and Great Bend, Susq. co. Pa.

Rev. John Rhoads, Northmoreland, Braintrim, and Windham, Luzerne co. Pa.

Rev. David Page, 12 months to Knowlesville, Orleans co. N. Y.

Rev. N. Gould, 12 months to Ellicotville, N. Y.

Rev. E. Hart, 12 months to Springfield and Elk creek, Erie co. Pa.

Mr. G. W. Warner, 12 months to Coshocton and Mill creek, O.

Rev. James Nourse, 2 months to Snow Hill, Md.

Rev. A. D. Montgomery, 12 months to Danville, Va.

Rev. Richard Brown, 1 year to congregations of Mount Hope and Congress, O.

Rev. James Cunningham, 1 year to congregations of Mary Ann, West Carlisle and Wakitomika, O.

Rev. Jacob Wolf, 1 year to congregations of Blooming Grove, Bethel and Sharon, O.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

W. W. Phillips, N.Y.; L. Ellis, N.Y.; B. Latham, O.; W. W. Williams, N.Y.; J. Spicer, N.Y.; N. Gould 2, N. Y.; J. Paine, Va.; A. B. Lawrence, Tenn.; J. Burtt, N. J.; W. McJimsey 2, N.Y.; J. L. Governeur, N.Y.; G. Duffield, Pa.; J. Bailey, N. Y.; J. S. Weaver, O.; S. Scovel, O.; W. J. Fraser, O.; W. G. Driver, Ga.; J. H. Weakley, Ala. R. Rutherford, O.; C. E. Avery, N Y.; Elders of the Presb. church, Lawsville, Pa.; E. Fisk, N.Y.; J. McElhenny, Va.; G. Colton, N.Y.; J. D. Pickands, N.Y.; P. Dittoe, O.; B. McDowel, N. J.; Trustees of the congregation of Pembroke, N. Y.; G. W. Warner, O.; J. Montgomery, N. J.; R. B. Campfield, N. Y.; T. Davis, Tenn.; Committees of the Churches of Varennes and

Broadaway, S.C.; R. G. Lynn, O.; S. Montgomery, Pa.; J. Blythe, Ky.; W. Sickles, Ind.; C. McIver, N. C.; J. Rhoads, Pa.; H. Van Deman, O.; J. D. Stephens, St. Peters.; J. Fine 2, N.Y.; G. G. Sill, N.Y.; J. Talmage, Ga.; W. Lawrie, D. C.; D. A. Sayre, Ky.; W. Wallace, O.; W. Smith, Tenn.; J. Mc Dowel, N. J.; C. C. Beatty, O.; P. Lamar, Ga.; J. T. Ewing, Ga.; J. R. Talmage, Ga.; W. H. Williams, N. Y.; G. Spring, N. Y.; H. Safford, N.Y.; T. Barr, O.; J. W. Cunningham, N. J.; J. Montgomery, N. J.; C. Riggs, Pa.; J. S. Galloway, Pa.; E. Hart, O.; J. Smith, Pa.; J. A. Agnew, Pa.; J. F. Cowan, Missouri; W. J. Fraser, O.; G. W. Warner, O.; W. M. Colm, O.; J. Gloucester, Pa.; J. Brackenridge, Md.; J. Marshal, Ky.; J. Hunt, O.; Elders of the Church at Mount Pleasant, Pa.; J. K. Burch, Ky.; J. Eaton, Pa.; Elders of the Church of Angelica, N. Y.; M. Hunter, N. Y.; G. Colton, N. Y.; J. Reiley, O.; N. Gould, N.Y.; J. Barr, Pa.; E. D. Andrews, N.Y.; J. H. Monroe, N. Y.; J. W. Woodward, N. J.; R. Armstrong, Tenn.; S. H. Crane, Ky.

ACCOUNT OF CASH RECEIVED

By the Board of Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, during the month of April, 1830.

Billbrook, Ohio. From auxiliary society, per Rev. W. J. Fraser,			$2 31
Blairsville, Pa. From Presb. congregation West Union, per Mr. T. Davis,			22 87
Proceeds of Missionary box kept by Mrs. S.G. R. Davis, per do.			7 14
Donation from Mrs. S. G. R. Davis, per do.			5 74
Avails of rags,			1 12
Bardstown, Ky. From auxiliary society ad. per D. A. Sayre,			0 50
Cumberland co. Pa. Donation from a friend, per Rev. G. Duffield,			20 00
Clemonts co. Ohio. Collection per Rev. R. G. Lynn,			8 75
Deerfield, N. J. From auxiliary per Rev. Mr. McFarland,			13 00
Annual col.			4 00
Dayton, Ohio. From auxiliary society, per Rev. W. J. Fraser,			25 00
East Liberty, Pa. Do. S. Thompson, Tr.			35 00
Frankford, Pa. From Juvenile Society for Indian Missions, per Rev. Mr. Biggs,			16 65
Forks of Brandywine, Pa. From Female Missionary Society, per Rev. J. N. C. Grier,			20 00
Do. Young Men's Missionary Society, per do.			6 00
Fairfield, N.J. Collection in Presb. congregation, per Rev. Mr. Osborn,			26 31
Greenwich. Annual do. do.			3 25
Huntington, Pa. Collection do. Rev. J. Peebles,			10 62
Lambertsville, N.J. Donation from Wm. Wilson,			2 50
Lacock, Pa. Do. Mr. Joseph Walker,			2 50
Millville, N.J. Collection in Presb. congregation, per. Rev. J. G. Force,			5 00
Newark, Del. Annual subscription of St. George's Church, per Mr. Samuel Bell,			10 00
New York. From Robert Lenox, Esq. his subscription for 1830,			100 00
Additional annual subscription from the 1st ch. per Rev. R. B. Campfield,			251 00
Do. Irish do. Canal street, per do.			51 17
Donation from a member of Dr. Spring's church, per do.			5 00
Ogdensburgh, N.Y. Do. Hon. John Fine,			20 00
Oxford, Ohio. From Corresponding Executive Committee, per Rev. J. A. Ogden,			21 00
Philadelphia, Pa. Donation from a lady of 2d Presb. church,	14 00		
Subscription from 2d Presb. church, per Mr. R. H. Smith,	10 50		
Additional annual sub. from 6th Presb. church,	14 00		
Annaul sub. in 2d Psesb. church. per R. H. Smith,	4 00		
Monthly concert collection in 12th Presb. church,	2 63		
From a member of aux. soc. 1st Presh. church,	0 50		
Do. do. 2d do.	0 50		
From the "Allen Juvenile Society for doing good,"	12 00		
From members of a Female School in the city, for the Indian Missions.	4 25		
			62 38
Pisgah, Ohio. From auxiliary society, per Rev. W. J. Fraser,			1 50
Poland, Ohio. Do. do. S. Thompson, Tr.			31 74
Do. a little girl, for the Indians, per do.			0 26
Paintlick, Ky. From auxiliary society, in part,			6 00
Reading, Pa. Received of John McKnight, Esq. by the hands of the Rev. Dr. Ely, in behalf of 40 sub. to the 50 cent plan, procured by Dr. Ely while agent,			20 00
Schiloah, Tenn. Subs. in Presb. congregation,			15 00
Salem. From missionary society, per Mr. J. Davis,			23 13
Salem, N.J. Collection in Presb. church, per Rev. Mr. Burtt,			1 50
Steubenville, O. From aux. society, per Rev. C. C. Beatty			136 32
Troy, O. From do. per Rev. W. J. Frazer,			2 75
Union and Doe River, Pa. Annual subs. per Rev. A. G. Morrison,			13 50
Versailles, Ky. From auxiliary society ad., per D. A. Sayre.			5 00
Welsh Settlement, Muskingum co. O. Collection in congregation, per Rev. J. Culbertson,			7 00
Washington, O. From auxiliary society, per Rev. W. J. Fraser,			6 50
Missionary Reporter, from sundry subscribers,			65 50
			$1099 51

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THE EDUCATION REGISTER.

EDITED BY WILLIAM NEILL, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

DESIGN OF THE BOARD.

Before submitting to the Presbyteries a plan of co-operation, in the education cause, the Executive committee deem it proper to bring, distinctly into view, the design for which this board was instituted, and some of the leading principles on which its opperations are conducted.

Let it be remembered, then, that it is an institution of the *Presbyterian Church*, responsible to *her* in all its transactions; and, that it is intended to be the channel through which *she* is to put forth her *united* strength, in bringing into the plenteous, Gospel Harvest, ministerial laborers of the right spirit, and with the requsite qualifications;—that it is designed to supply the wants of the *whole* church, in its length and breadth; and, also to raise up men to bear the glad tidings of salvation to the heathen world. In aiming to accomplish these ends, the Board feels bound to notice and aid, so far as may be in its power, young men, of the right character, in *all parts* of the United States without partiality, and without a wish to change their location, or Presbyterial connexion. In calling upon any portion of our church to assist in this work, we can say, in the words of Paul to the Corinthians, 2 Cor. viii. 13.—15. "We mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened; but by an equality, that now, at this time, your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance, also, may be a supply for your want, that there may be equality: as it is written: He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack." In some places, there are candidates, and but small means for their support; in other places the means are ample, but the candidates are few. The Board serves as a medium, through which to attain that *equality* of which the apostle speaks, in this labour of love and work of faith.

In conformity with these views, aid is furnished according to the real wants of each beneficiary; one hundred dollars per annum, being the utmost that is allowed to any one. Every beneficiary is considered as on probation, during the whole course of his preparatory studies; and the Board witholds aid whenever the candidate appears, on good and sufficient evidence, to have become unworthy of its patronage.

The young men are not required to give bonds to refund the money expended on them, but it is confidently expected that they will, from a sense of duty, refund, whenever they shall be in circumstances to do so; that contributions to this object may be rendered as extensively useful as possible: At the same time, we deprecate the idea of involving our beneficiaries in a *debt*, which they must discharge at all events. If, when duly authorized, they go to the destitute, or engage in missionary labours; at home or abroad,—if they give themselves assiduously to the work of the ministry, the church will certainly regard their *service*, as of more importance to the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, than the refunding of the money expended on them, while preparing to preach the gospel.

In taking up candidates, we feel bound to exercise great caution; and we hope, those who undertake to recommend them, will bear in mind, that, without care and circumspection, the funds designed for this sacred purpose, may be perverted or misapplied. Unequivocal testimonials ought to be had, to their experimental acquaintance with religion,—the religion of the Bible;—to their talents, or capacity and aptness to learn;—to their habits of industry, modesty, and sobriety;—and to their intelligent and decided attachment to the doctrines and usages of the Presbyterian church, as recognized and set forth in her Confession of Faith, Catechisms, and Form of Government.

We wish also to establish and maintain, over our benificiaries, a wakeful, but kindly supervision. This can be done, to some extent, by occasional visits from the Corresponding Secretary and General agent, and by means of Examining Committees, and other friends of the cause.

With these views, and on these principles, we hope our brethren, throughout our whole connexion, will be disposed to unite with us, in this very important business: "The harvest truly is plenteous; but the labourers are few." We submit the following

PLAN OF CO-OPERATION.

1. Let every Presbytery declare itself auxiliary to the Assembly's Board in this matter, and appoint an executive committee, whose duties shall be to notice, examine, and recommend young

men, who may be deemed proper subjects;—to devise, and publish, and carry into effect, measures to raise the means of assisting them;—and to make a full report of their transactions to Presbytery, at its stated meetings, and to this Board once every three months.

2. Let the Church Sessions take this business up in earnest;—let there be a subscription opened, in every congregation, and let the members be requested to contribute annually, fifty cents or more, for the purpose contemplated, on or before the first of April, payable to the Treasurer of Presbytery.

3. Let an appropriate discourse be delivered once a year, in every pulpit, whether vacant or supplied; and the yearly contribution be called for, either immediately at the close of public worship, or as soon as possible, by collectors appointed by the Session.

4. In some congregations, it may be deemed expedient to form an education society, though we suppose, that in general, the business can be done as well and with more ease through the church session; provided the pastor and elders take an interest in the subject. The churches, in and near the city of Philadelphia, where the Board and its Executive Committee hold their meetings, may prefer being immediately auxiliary to the Board: to this we see no reasonable objection.

5. In regard to the controul of the funds. The constitution of the Board gives to every Presbytery, and to every auxiliary society, properly constituted, the right to supply the wants of its own incumbents, out of the means raised within its limits, the surplus to be forwarded to the Board. This is as it should be; but let it be well noted, that, if every Presbytery, and every auxiliary contents itself with raising just money enough to supply the wants of its immediate dependents, it will be impossible for the Board to answer the purpose for which it was instituted. We hope, therefore, that Presbyteries will not graduate their efforts by the number and necessities of their own candidates. On this principle there could be no "equality." The whole church is distributed into Presbyteries; and what is the Board of Education, but the creature of the Presbyteries, through whose agency the wants of the weak may be met and neutralized, by the energies and offerings of the strong? We deem it proper here to republish a few articles of the Constitution:

Art. VII. No young man shall be patronized or assisted by an auxiliary society, unless he produce a testimonial of his hopeful piety and talents, from some Presbytery, under whose care he shall have been taken.

Art. VIII. Auxiliaries may make such arrangements and selection of a seminary for the young men under their patronage, as they shall deem most eligible for the prosecution of their education whether Classical or Theological.

Art. IX. The auxiliaries shall send to the Board all the surplus funds in their hands, which may not be necessary for the accommodation of those immediately depending on them for support.

Art. X. Every auxiliary shall forward, annually, a report of its proceedings to the Board, in season to enable the Board, whose duty it shall be, to report to the General Assembly.

Art. XV. When any Presbytery has no beneficiary on its funds, it is required to forward them to the Treasurer of the Board, that the same may be appropriated.

Should the foregoing plan be adopted generally, and carried into effect with vigor and zeal, we have no fears as to the success, and usefulness of the Board.

A STRONG APPEAL.

Extract of a letter from a clergyman in the State of New York, to the Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. and Dear Sir.—You have probably heard that it has pleased the great head of the church, to grant to the people of my charge, a special effusion of his holy spirit. No one feature of this work, has awakened a deeper interest, than the ardent desire, felt by some peculiarly interesting young men, the hopeful subjects of this work, to devote themselves to the gospel ministry. A young man prosecuting the study of the law has devoted himself, and four others. My object in writing is to solicit aid for two only at present. Both of these young men give decided evidence of ardent piety, and talents to render them useful in the ministry. One of them is 22 years of age, and will be able to join the junior class next fall, in any of our colleges; and if aided by you, will do so. The other aged 19, will enter freshman, a year from the coming fall. Both these young men are destitute; both wish to enter some academy, without delay, and give themselves wholly to study. If you do grant the aid requisite, will you recommend some acade-

my? I feel solicitous that they should be in some situation, in which they may be trained up in the truth, as taught in our standards. As I expect to attend the General Assembly, I shall defer till I see you, the application in behalf of at least three more.

P.S. You will oblige me if you give an immediate answer.

This is, indeed, a touching case. Here are five young men, among the fruits of a revival, in one congregation, desirous of dedicating themselves to the service of God, in the ministry of the Gospel. But they are destitute of the means of defraying the expense of a suitable education. Can the friends of the Redeemer, who have been blessed of God, in their basket and in their store, turn away with indifference from such an appeal, while six hundred congregations in our own immediate connexion, and millions of heathen are suffering a famine of the word of the Lord—the bread of life?

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

The Presbytery of Carlisle, at its late meeting, in Chambersburg, declared itself auxiliary to the Board of Education of the General Assembly; and appointed an executive committee, consisting of two ministers and three elders, with instructions to take measures to ascertain the number of suitable young men within its limits; and to raise funds for the purpose contemplated by the Board. The Committee met, during the sessions of Presbytery, and agreed upon a Circular, to the Church Sessions, submitting to them a plan of co-operation, and urging them to a speedy and zealous attention to the subject. The Committee is composed of,

Rev. James Williamson, Hogestown, Pa.
M. L. Fullerton, Hagerstown, Md.
Mr. John Robertson, do. do.
John Brownson, Mercersburg, Pa.
Samuel Blood, Chambersburg, do.

This Presbstery comprises about *forty* congregations; should these furnish, on an avarage, $20 per annum, the amount would be $800. The last Statistical Tables, adopted and published by the General Assembly, though no reports were had from several of the churches, inform us that there are in this Presbytery, 4689 communicants. We only advert to these facts, to show what might be done. were all disposed to contribute as the Lord hath prospered them.

A VOICE FROM OHIO.

A Presbyterian minister, in the State of Ohio, applies very modestly for a little pecuniary aid, in behalf of two of his *seven sons;* both hopefully pious, and solicitous to devote themselves to the work of the gospel ministry. One of them expects to graduate next autumn, and the other is just entering upon his classical studies. Will not the Presbyteries and churches in that great and flourishing state sustain such an appeal as this? Shall a faithful laborer in the Lord's vineyard, who has raised a large family, on small means, and grown gray in the service of the church, ask in vain for asistance, in the support of these *sons of the church,* while they are preparing to preach the everlasting gospel? The Board wish to extend assistance to all applicants, whose claims appear to be good; but this will be impossible, unless funds are put at their disposal, proportionate to the number of applications.

TESTIMONIALS.

When application is made to the Board for assistance, the names, residence, age, capacity, attainments, piety, and church relation of the candidate, should be particularly specified, and well attested. The funds of the Board are a sacred deposit; and appropriations cannot be made, without full and satisfactory information, on the foregoing points.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REMITTANCES.

Communications in regard to the general concerns of the Board should be addressed, either to the Chairman of the Executive Committee, or to the Corresponding Secretary, and General Agent.

Remittances in money, should be directed to John Stille, Esq. Treasurer, Walnut street, west of 12th street, Philadelphia.

MEDIUM OF INTECOURSE.

The "Missionary Reporter and Education Register," is designed as a channel through which information may be given to our brethren, in relation to the wants of the church, and the operations of the General Assembly's Missionary and Education Boards. These two institutions are so intimately connected, that it seems highly proper that their claims should be presented *together,* to the Presbyterians of this country. We hope therefore, that some pains will be taken by pastors, and

and agents, and elders of the church, to increase the list of subscribers. The price is as moderate, as any reasonable man would desire. It barely pays its way, with our present subscription. We now publish five thousand copies; and by a little exertion, the list of subscribers might be quadrupled in a short time. We do earnestly request attention to this subject.

MILLENNIAL GLORY OF THE CHURCH.

Extract of an Address before a Missionary meeting in the city of Philiadelphia, Oct. 1828, *by Rev. Dr. Alexander.*

"One thing which must undoubtedly preceede this event, is the preparation of suitable instruments to evangelize the world. Men of the right spirit must be trained and disciplined for the service of the Lord, in sufficient numbers to bear the message of salvation to every nation under heaven. At present, therefore, it is evident that we are not prepared to carry the commission of our Lord into full effect, because the necessary instruments are wanting. But if the Great Head of the church intends that she shall achieve any thing great in promoting this glorious cause, her attention will be turned, with great earnestness, to the business of searching out, and training up young men for the ministry. This will be felt by all Christians, to be a most important and solemn duty; and no promising candidate for the sacred office, will be prevented from proceeding in his preparatory studies, for want of the means of prosecuting them. It will be a favourable sign of approaching good when the number of faithful preachers of the gospel is multiplied.—

But not only must the *number*, but the *qualifications* of ministers, also be increased. When God is about to accomplish a great work upon earth, men will be raised up, possessing the spirit of the apostles and primitive martyrs; —men who will not count their lives dear, nor be unwilling to seal their testimony with their blood, if the honour of their Lord should require such a sacrifice. Indeed, it is not reasonable to expect, that the conversion of the world will be achieved, without the shedding of blood. The grand adversary of God and man, will not relinquish his government of the world, without a struggle. Whenever the same spirit which actuated the first preachers of the Gospel, shall animate the breasts of missionaries, and when the strong holds of sin begin to fall before the spiritual weapons of the Gospel, Satan will come forth to the contest, with horrible rage; and the more, because he will know that his time is short. Know then, that as soon as ministers of the Gospel shall be multiplied, and when they shall manifest a full devotion to Christ and his kingdom, then will there be good reason to auger that the triumph of the church is near."

REPORTS TO BE FORWARDED IN SEASON

It is exceedingly desirable that the reports of Presbyteries and Auxiliary Societies, intended to furnish materials for the Annual Report of the Board to the General Assembly, should be forwarded to the Corresponding secretary, at 214 Spruce street, or 25 Sansom street, with as little delay as possible. Those commissioners to the Assembly who may be charged with reports, on the subject of education, are requested to deliver them immediately, on their arrival in the city.

Collections for the Board of Education by the Secretary and General Agent, during the months of March and Aprill. 1830.

From members 1st ch.	Alex.	D.C.	$74 62½
Sabbath School,	do.	do.	11 00
members 2d ch.	do.	do.	41 00
Collection in ch.	Georgetown,	do.	26 33
From members do.	do.	do.	37 50
Collection in 1st ch.	Wash.	do.	15 00
From individuals	do.	do.	86 00
do.	1st ch.	Balt. Md.	440 50
do.	2d do.	do. do.	51 43
Hon. W. Ramsey	Carlisle,	Pa.	10 00
			$793 38½
members 7th church	Philia.		39 33
do. 8th	do.	do.	110 62
do. ch.	Princeton	N. J.	13 50
do. 6th ch.	Philia.		15 00
One annual subsbriber in church of	Carlisle,	Pa.	1 50
Two do do do	Georgetowm,	D.C.	2 00
			$975 33½

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PLAN

for rendering Sessions Auxiliary Societies to the General Assembly's Board of Missions.

It is believed, after much reflection, that Sessions may become the best auxiliary Missionary Societies that can exist in the Presbyterian Church—that they are more happily adapted to this purpose than any other associations that can be devised, and may supersede the necessity of any other. Sessions are already formed, and must be continued as an essential part in the order and government of the Presbyterian Church; and by their taking an agency in missionary affairs, the church will act *directly by her own officers*, which is the most proper and desirable mode of action, in every thing in which the church is concerned. By Sessions assuming the form of Missionary Societies, all the trouble and all the expense of forming other Missionary associations will be saved; and at the same time Missionary bodies will become more numerous, and more extensively and generally influential, throughout the whole Presbyterian population, than they can ever be otherwise rendered. Missionary operations will in this way be more intimately brought home, as they need to be, to every congregation and to every individual in it, as a concern of their own: and when the people see their own representatives, men of their own choice, and in whom they have confidence, managing and superintending this business, they will be likely to contribute more willingly, generally, and liberally, than they would otherwise do. If in some places it should be considered necessary or expedient, that an individual or two, without becoming regular members of Session, should be joined with it for the special purpose of conducting missionary business, there could be no objection to such a measure.

Auxiliary societies in missionary operations are always chiefly employed in collecting funds for the use of a parent society, or missionary board, by which missions are planned and Missionaries selected and sent forth. Now the Supreme Judicatory of the Presbyterian church have appointed a Missionary Board, the funds of which may easily and most effectually be aided by Sessions in the following ways.

1. It has been proposed by the Board to endeavour to obtain a voluntary subscription of 50 cents annually, from each communicating member in the Presbyterian Churches; and from all non-communicating members in every congregation, who may be willing to make such a contribution. On the funds to be derived from this measure much reliance is placed; and to execute this measure the Session of each congregation is manifestly the natural and proper organ. Let the Session point out the most proper and practicable method of obtaining subscribers; let them appoint a treasurer (one of their own number or any other suitable person) to receive all monies collected in the congregation, and forward them as speedily as practicable to the treasurer of the Board of Missions; let a particular day in the year—say Christmas or New Year's day—be appointed on or before which the 50 cent contribution should be paid; and when the appointed day is near at hand, let the pastor be requested to remind the people from the pulpit of their engagements, and say something calculated to excite and cherish among them a missionary spirit; let some suitable person be appointed to call on those who may not have deposited their subscriptions on or before the appointed day, to collect and deliver them to the treasurer; let an accurate list be kept of all subscribers, and let their number of subscribers be annually forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

2. The Session may promote the keeping of mission boxes in the houses of those who are friendly to the Missionary cause, the contents of which may occasionally be deposited with the treasurer of the Session.

3. The Session may take order that collections for the support of Missions be taken up at the Monthly Concerts for prayer, and appropriate the sums col-

ected in such manner as they may udge to be most equitable: and at these concerts information may be given, as indeed it ought to be given, to the people relative to Missionary concerns, and their minds stirred up to pray for and contribute to the support of the Missionary cause.

4. The members of Session can also receive and in a proper way solicit donations of a larger amount than the annual 50 or 25 cent contribution from those who may be able and willing to make such donations: and if any of the members are acquainted with individuals likely to favour the Missionary cause by testamentary bequests, they may in a discreet and delicate manner remind such individuals of the importance of aiding in sending the gospel to the heathen and to the destitute in our own land.

The foregoing presents a simple plan, of easy execution; and if it be followed up with spirit the whole Presbyterian church may in a few years be, as it is most desirable that it should be, actively engaged in missionary operations. But to produce this effect the Sessions must make and continue some active exertions. Now as *personal responsibility* affords the best security for a careful and persevering attention to any business, especially if it be of a public nature, it may be well that each Session should fix on *some individual*, who may attend to the collection of their Missionary funds, and be charged with superintending the whole concern in the congregation. If this office be found burdensome, it may be, after a fixed period, passed from one individual to another. It may also be well if the Session should make it a standing rule to have two meetings at least in a year expressly for the purpose of attending to Missionary concerns. As the minister of every congregation is always the Moderator of its Session, much—very much—will depend on his taking the lead, cordially co-operating, and discreetly and zealously urging forward an attention to Missionary concerns, both in the Session, and generally among the people of his charge: and it is hoped that no minister in the Presbyterian church will refuse his aid, in a matter of such high importance to the Christian church and the salvation of immortal souls as the sending of the gospel to those who are perishing in ignorance and sin.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

PRESBYTERY OF OXFORD, OHIO.

April 7, 1830, Butler co. O.

Brother Russell,—At a meeting of the Oxford Presbytery a few days since, they passed the following resolutions:

1. That the Oxford Presbytery be, and it is hereby formed into a domestic Missionary Society, Auxiliary to the B. of Missions, belonging to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America.

2. That the meetings of this society be held at each stated meeting of Presbytery, and that this business be a part of the regular business of the body during their Sessions.

3. That the Moderator, Stated Clerk and Treasurer for the time being, be an Executive Committee to correspond with the parent Board, and to transact all necessary business during the recess between the stated meetings, and make report of their proceedings when the Presbytery shall be in session on the subject of domestic missions.

4. To guard against the misapplication of funds, each congregation requiring aid in the support or settlement of a pastor, shall apply at some stated meeting of Presbytery, and receive from them a recommendation, and previously to receiving aid they shall give a detailed statement of their own efforts to maintain the gospel ministry.

By order of the Presbytery,

ADAM B. GILLILAND, *Stated Clerk.*
REV. H. BISHOP, D.D. *Moderator.*
PETER MONFORT, *Treasurer.*
ADAM B. GILLILAND, *Stated Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LANCASTER, O.

Somerset, April 7th, A. D. 1830.

Presbytery of Lancaster in session, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, viz.

"Whereas the General Assembly's Boards of Missions and Education are now revived, under circumstances of more than ordinary promise; and whereas these Boards claim the decided attention, and encouragement of all in connexion with the Assembly,—

This Presbytery feel it their duty to act more directly and formally in favour of these Boards than heretofore: and to this end they adopt the following resolutions.

1. That this Presbytery be and hereby is declared to be auxiliary in their operations to the Missionary, and Education Boards of the General Assembly.

2. That the claims of these Boards be frequently and affectionately presented to the churches and vacancies for their encouragement and aid.

3. That Presbytery will annually appoint a committee, to be styled "a Corresponding Executive Committee on Missions," with the following powers, I, II and III as found in the Reporter.

4. That the churches be urged to aid as far as they can, either by Auxiliary Societies, or annual contributions, or in any other way deemed most advisable, the Assembly's Board of Education, and forward as early as practicable the contributions to the Treasurer of the Board.

5. That any Ministers and Congregations disposed to co-operate with other Missionary and Education Boards have the privilege of so doing.

6. That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the Assembly's Board of Missions and Education.

JAMES CULBERTSON, *Stated Clerk.*
JOHN WRIGHT,
THOMAS B. CLARK,
JACOB LITTLE,
JAMES CULBERTSON,
Executive Committee.

Additional resolutions of Presbytery, same date.

1. "That before any Missionary, or Agent, of any Missionary Board or Society, enter upon a field of Missionary labour, or agency, within the bounds of this Presbytery it shall be his duty to obtain the advice and approbation of at least two members of the Executive Committee of Presbytery.

2. That no Missionary, or Agent, shall organize a church within the limits of this Presbytery, without the advice and approbation of two of its members."

A true copy,

JAS. CULBERTSON, *Stated Cl'k.*

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Board of Missions.

As very few of our readers will be put in possession of the Annual Report of the Board in a separate pamphlet form, we shall occupy a large portion of the present number, with copious extracts.

The Report was presented to the Assembly on Saturday the 22d ult., and after having been read, it was committed, and was subsequently reported to the house and accepted, and with a single amendment, it was *unanimously adopted*, and put into the hands of the Executive Committee of the Board for publication.

The whole number of Missionaries and Missionary Agents reported, is 198.

"Of the missionaries there have been employed in Pennsylvania, 45; in Ohio, 36; in New York, 32; in Maryland, 11; in Indiana, 10; in North Carolina, 6; in South Carolina, 1; in Georgia, 4; in Alabama, 2; in Kentucky, 6; in Tennessee, 6; in Illinois, 4; in Mississippi, 5; in Missouri, 3; in New Jersey, 3; in Delaware, 4; in Virginia, 5; in Massachusetts, 1; in North Western Territory, 1; in Florida, 2; in Lower Canada, 1;—10 have been employed in different States, for short periods, as agents of the Board.

From the foregoing statement, it will be perceived that the distribution of the Missionaries in the several states is still very unequal. The reasons of this inequality, and the principles by which the Board have been governed in their appointments, are distinctly stated in our report of last year, and need not here be repeated. A remedy for this evil, if it should be regarded as such, will be suggested in another part of the present report.

Receipts, Expenditures, and Appropriations, of the Board.

The actual receipts of the Board, from May 1, 1829, to May 1, 1830, have been $12,632.43. The amount of expenditures during the same period has been $14,898.

Balance against the Board due to the Treasurer, $2,265.57.

The whole amount of appropriations which have been made by the Board, is $23,782.34.

The balance against the Board in appropriations, including the sum due the Treasurer, is 11,149 91. dolls.

Annual Subscriptions for ten Years.

In our last report it was stated that more than twenty individuals had pledged themselves for the payment of 100 dolls. annually, for ten years. The number of such subscribers at present is about thirty. None of these subscribers were legally bound, unless 100 subscriptions should be obtained; but we are happy to state, that nearly all who subscribed, have cheerfully paid the full amount for the year 1829, and manifested a willingness to do so in future. We would again most earnestly solicit the attention of the Assembly, and of all wealthy and benevolent patrons of the missionary cause throughout our churches, to this particular method of increasing the resources of the Board.

Besides the above named subscription, others have been opened in this city, and by our agents in different places, for smaller sums. Some have subscribed 5 dolls., some 10 dolls., some 20 dolls., some 25 dolls., and some 50 dolls. a year for 10 years, or for life. The whole sum which has been secured to the Board in all these various ways by a few individuals, will amount in the course of ten years, to between 30 and 40,000 dolls. Were persevering efforts made by pastors, agents, and other friends of the Missionary cause, we are fully persuaded, that the amount of funds raised by such subscriptions might be speedily and vastly increased. It is the earnest desire of the Board that the attempt should be made, and made without delay, in every section of the country to secure such an increase of their pecuniary resources.

Auxiliary Societies.

The number of *Sessional Auxiliaries*, organized on the 50 cent plan, has been greatly increased, since the date of our last report. They were then estimated at nearly 150. The whole number at present, is about 350. More than one hundred of these auxiliaries have been organized in Ohio, Kentucky, and North Carolina, within the last six months. Wherever a suitable opportunity has been afforded to our agents, to explain to the churches the plans of the Board, they have with scarcely an exception, been cordially received; auxiliaries have been organized, and sessions have entered with cheerfulness upon the discharge of their appropriate duties as managers and collectors.

Respecting the simplicity, and efficiency of our plan of auxiliaries, and its peculiar adaptation to the constitution and organization of the Presbyterian church, the Board hold the same sentiments at present, as were expressed in their last report. The expectations we then entertained of a large increase of our funds from this source, have been to an encouraging extent realized; and the experience of the past inspires us with the most cheering hopes for the future.

The firm conviction of your Board ever has been, and still is, that it is the

imperious duty of every *separate branch* of the church of Christ, in its *distinctive character*, and agreeably to its own *peculiar organization*, to engage with energy and zeal in the hallowed work of evangelizing the world; and we think we can clearly perceive in the very Constitution and Form of Government of our own branch of the Church, the elementary principles of one of the most simple and efficient systems of doing good, which has ever been brought, during the present age, to bear upon the spiritual welfare, and eternal destinies of lost men.

It will readily be admitted by all, except the Antinomian and the Fatalist, that the ignorant and erring are to be enlightened, and converted, not by miracles, but by means—by human instrumentality accompanied with the blessing of God. Heralds of the Cross, duly qualified and divinely authorized, must be *sent* to preach the Gospel. And *by whom* shall such heralds be *sent*, except by the Christian church, to whom have been committed the lively oracles of God? And *how* shall they be sent and sustained among the poor, and the destitute, unless they be furnished with the means of support?

Pecuniary resources, then, are indispensably necessary to the successful prosecution of the Missionary enterprise, and such resources are already possessed in rich abundance by the church. It is the primary object of our *Sessional Auxiliaries*, to draw forth these resources, and bring them into combined and vigorous action; and that too, on a plan no less adapted to the circumstances of the *poor*, than it is to those of the *affluent*. There are very few, if any, appertaining to the flock of Christ, however indigent, who might not, by the practice of a rigid economy, save for the Missionary Treasury, the inconsiderable sum of *50 cents a year*, and this is all that is required to constitute any one a member of an auxiliary.

The efficiency of this plan, for securing to the Board, the necessary *pecuniary resources*, is by no means its most interesting feature. *Money* of itself can effect nothing. All human instrumentalities, which can possibly be employed in attempts to effect the salvation of the perishing, will be exerted in vain, unless they are accompanied and followed, by the special blessing, and efficient agency of the Omnipotent God. But the divine interposition cannot be reasonably expected, unless it be perseveringly sought, by the fervent, effectual *prayers* of the righteous.

Under a deep conviction of these truths, your Board have adopted a plan, designed and calculated, to enlist and unite the sympathies, the counsels, the efforts, and the importunate supplications, first of all the *officers*, and then of all the *private members* of the church. And what might we not expect of glory to the Redeemer, of consolation and prosperity to Zion, and of spiritual and eternal blessings to a ruined world, if every missionary of the cross, who shall hereafter be sent into the gospel harvest, should be followed by the sanctified affections and believing prayers of *two hundred thousand Christians?*

The very thought of such a holy union of the saints around the mercy-seat, would awaken in the bosom of the most feeble and faithless messenger of mercy, an ardour of feeling, a strength of faith, and energy of purpose, which no difficulties, nor discouragements, nor dangers, nor persecutions, would ever be able to suppress or destroy. The wilderness and the desert, would resound with his grateful songs, and in every valley, and on every mountain top where the banner of the cross had been planted, hosannas to the Son of David would be uttered by the *redeemed*—the travail of a Saviour's soul—the fruits of Christian liberality, and united prayer.

Corresponding Executive Committees.

One of the most serious difficulties, ordinarily attendant on the extended operations of a general Missionary Board, is the *judicious appropriation* of the funds entrusted to their care.

The location of such a Board must, of necessity, be far distant from many of the feeble congregations, and destitute districts of country, which may require assistance; and for want of minute and accurate information concerning the local situation, the pecuniary resources, and the comparative necessities of these congregations and districts, the Board will be constantly liable to err in judgment respecting the amount of money, and the character of the men which may really be needed. With a view of removing these difficulties, and avoiding the unhappy consequences which would be likely to result from the injudicious application of their funds, and an improper location of their Missionaries, the Board after mature deliberation, have adopted and would now earnestly recommend to the Assembly, and to all the Presbyteries under their care, who may choose to co-operate with this Board, the following plan of

Corresponding Executive Committees.

It is proposed that each Presbytery shall appoint annually, from their own body, an Executive Committee on Missions, whose duty it shall be to open a regular correspondence with the Assembly's Board; to be invested with the following powers,—

1. To receive, generally, applications for aid, from feeble congregations (within the bounds of the Presbytery) which have pastors, or stated supplies, and to recommend the same to the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions.

2. To devise and execute plans for raising funds in the several congregations within their bounds, which funds shall be reported to the treasurer of the Assembly's Board, and be held subject to the orders of said Board.

3. To select and recommend to the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions, Missionary fields, and Missionary labourers, and also, to locate such Missionaries as may be sent to them by the Board for specific instructions.

4. To suggest the *amount* of aid which they may deem indispensably necessary to be afforded to each congregation, which they shall recommend to the attention of the Board.

The substance of this plan has already been submitted to a considerable number of the Presbyteries, and as far as we have been informed, it has generally been approved and cordially adopted; and we are already beginning to experience its beneficial results.

It is not the only excellence of this plan of correspondence, that it will effectually remove or prevent many *evils* which already exist, or are seriously apprehended, but it will also be productive of a very great amount of *positive good.* Its ultimate design and direct tendency are, to bring to the aid of this Board, in conducting its missionary concerns, the whole amount of wisdom, experience, talent and energy, which are to be found in those judicatories of the church, which have been particularly *invested* by our constitution, with original jurisdiction and ecclesiastical authority and power. It is in the apprehension of your Board, *the appropriate duty of the Presbyteries,* to ascertain and disclose the circumstances and wants of all the feeble congregations and destitute districts within their respective bounds; to arrange them into missionary stations or circuits; to judge in the first instance of the comparative necessities, and claims of applicants for aid, and of the amount of aid which it may be proper to allow to each; and also, to designate the fields of labour, which may be best adapted to the peculiar gifts, and talents, and manners of the different men who may be employed in the missionary service.

Presbyteries, also, have a more direct and powerful influence over congregations, than any other ecclesiastical body; and it therefore devolves naturally on them, to direct and facilitate the progress of agents from the Board, and to arouse the people to a prompt and faithful performance of their duty in the Missionary cause.

By the annual appointment of a small, but devoted and energetic Executive Committee, all these desirable objects may be secured; and, if such committees are prompt and faithful in bringing before this Board a minute and accurate statement of the real circumstances and necessities of the feeble congregations, and missionary districts within their bounds, the way will be prepared for the Board to act immediately, and judiciously, upon every application.

Moreover, if such committees should be appointed by the Presbyteries generally, and by those especially who have many vacancies, and much missionary ground to be occupied, the Board will also be enabled to make a much more *equal distribution* of their Missionaries in the different Presbyteries, than they have had it in their power to do heretofore, on account of their want of necessary information.

On this subject, the Board would further remark, that it is a matter of great importance, that the members of Corresponding Executive Committees should be truly devoted and active men;—that the number necessary to constitute a quorum, should be *small,* rarely if ever exceeding *three;*—that these should be located in the immediate vicinity of each other, so that special meetings may be called without difficulty or delay;—and that a due proportion of each committee should be elders of the church.

Missionary Agencies.

It is apprehended by your Board, that the necessity, and utility of Special Agencies, are not properly understood and appreciated by the churches generally, and they would therefore bring this subject distinctly before the Assembly.

By all who have had sufficient experience in managing the concerns of large benevolent institutions, it is now regarded as a matter of vital impor-

tance, and as absolutely indispensable to their extension and success, that well qualified, active and persevering agents should be employed in developing the plans, and urging home the claims of these institutions upon the churches. To the exertions of such agents, more than to all other means, which have hitherto been employed, your Board are indebted for the rapid increase of their auxiliaries and funds, and the consequent enlargement of the sphere of their operations during the last two years,—and also for the dissemination of information among the Presbyteries and churches, respecting the plans and doings of the Board. The expense of these agencies, your Board are aware, is rather more than that of simple *Missions*. But it should not be forgotten, that our *agents* have a *double duty* to perform. They usually preach from four to eight times a week, and are constantly engaged in travelling from congregation to congregation to solicit funds.

So extremely arduous and unwelcome are the labours of agents, and so peculiar are the qualifications necessary to their success, that it has been found extremely difficult for the Board to secure on *any terms*, the services of such men, as they were willing to employ in this responsible work. It is the fixed purpose of your Board, in all their operations, to practice the most *rigid economy*, which may not be manifestly inconsistent with the best interests of the cause in which they are engaged. But hitherto they have not been able, except in a single instance, to obtain suitable agents, without allowing them the full amount of compensation, ordinarily granted by other benevolent societies in our country.

It would be truly gratifying to the Board, and highly beneficial to the churches, if a number of the talented and devoted friends of Missions at the West and South, would volunteer their services, as agents, for short periods of time, on the usual salary of Missionaries. This would at once relieve us from very serious embarrassment, and the *example*, we doubt not, would have a constraining influence.

Results of Missionary Operations during the last Year.

From the plans and doings of the Board, which have now been detailed, we turn with pleasure to the *results* of the labours of our Missionaries. As a large proportion of their most interesting reports, have been already published in the Missionary Reporter, we have designedly omitted a brief summary of the labours of each, with a view of presenting in this place, a condensed statement, which we trust, will be far more interesting and useful, of the amount of good accomplished by the whole.

For the sake of brevity and perspicuity, this statement of the results of Missionary labours will be presented in several particulars, embracing—

1st. The fields occupied, the expenses incurred, and the labour performed.

So numerous are the churches in our connexion, which are feeble, and unable without assistance to sustain a stated ministry, and so fully convinced are your Board of the necessity and utility of the plan of *locating* their Missionaries as regular pastors, and stated supplies, that they have felt constrained to make vigorous and persevering efforts to carry this plan more fully into effect. They have therefore encouraged direct applications for aid from all feeble and destitute congregations which are really unable to support their ministers, and they have firmly resolved, to the full extent of their means, to grant promptly, to such applicants, the amount of aid deemed indispensably necessary, nor have they in a single instance withholden aid from those whose applications have been fully sanctioned by the Corresponding Executive Committee of the Presbytery to which the applicants belonged, or by two responsible members of the same. In consequence of these plans, and efforts of the Board, the number of congregations entirely, or adequately supplied, and the amount of ministerial labour performed, have been considerably larger in proportion to the number of Missionaries employed during the last year, than ever before.

Of the 198 Missionaries employed, 144 are pastors of feeble congregations, or supplies for one year each, in limited districts, where the prospects of organizing churches, collecting congregations, and preparing the way for permanent settlements are encouraging, and 44 have been commissioned for shorter periods to engage in itinerant labours, and 10 in special agencies for the purpose of forming auxiliaries, and increasing the funds of the Board.

The whole number of congregations, and Missionary districts supplied, amounts to more than 300. The whole number of appointments, and re-appointments for the year is 246. Of these 159 were for one year each; and 87 for a shorter term. The whole amount of time, embraced in all the

commissions granted and accepted, is 182 years and eight months.

The whole amount of money pledged by the Board for the 182 years of ministerial labour is $23,782 34 cts., and the average expense of each year's labour is about $130.

Some of these commissions have been recently issued, and have as yet been fulfilled only in part. The amount of ministerial labour, however, which has actually been performed, since the date of our last report, is equal to the continued labour of a single individual for more than eighty years. Of the whole number of missionaries employed, more than *three-fourths* have been sustained at an expense to the Board of 100 dolls. or *less*, per annum—the people among whom they have laboured having provided chiefly for their support. A single individual only has received, for a year, the full amount of wages formerly granted to all the missionaries of the Board—and that individual is the missionary among the Chippeway Indians, who is sustained by the *interest* of a fund *exclusively designed* for the purpose. Of the rest, none receives more than *half* the usual missionary wages, and the allowance to some of them is much less.

Churches organized and Houses of Worship built.

As very few of our Missionaries are now employed in itinerant labours, the number of new churches organized is not large.

From the reports on this subject which have been received, the whole number of new churches may be safely estimated at fifteen, and the whole number of members at two hundred.

More than twenty houses of worship have been erected in the course of the year, in places supplied by our Missionaries, and chiefly through their instrumentality—and a considerable number more have been completed or repaired. The amount of money raised and expended by the people for these purposes on missionary ground during the year, probably exceeds ten thousand dollars.

Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes.

The attention of all our Missionaries has been particularly directed to the organization, encouragement, and support of these interesting nurseries of knowledge, morality, and religion. Scarcely a report has been received, which does not contain some cheering intelligence of the increase and usefulness of these sacred institutions, which are designed to benefit and bless the rising generation, and ultimately to change the whole moral aspect of society. There are one or more Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes in most of the congregations supplied by our Missionaries, and in some instances, whole counties have been explored by our Missionaries, and Sabbath Schools have been organized in all the important towns and settlements—and thus they have virtually done the work assigned to Sabbath School Agents.

The precise number of these schools and classes under the care of our Missionaries, we are not able to state, because minute reports have not been received from all; but they may be fairly estimated at three hundred, and the number of learners at 12 or 15,000.

With most of these Sabbath Schools select and useful libraries are now connected, and a considerable sum of money has been raised in the course of the last year by our Missionaries, for the purpose of establishing or increasing such libraries. In many of the schools the excellent catechisms of our church are faithfully taught and explained, and the Board indulge the hope, that the attention of Missionaries, and all other managers and teachers of Sabbath Schools in our own connexion, will hereafter be more particularly directed to this invaluable method of communicating religious instruction to the youthful mind.

Bible, Missionary, Tract, and Education Societies.

In furthering the designs, and extending the operations of these pre-eminently useful institutions, the zeal and efforts of our Missionaries have been truly commendable. They have labored with fidelity and success to ascertain and supply the destitute within their respective fields of labor with the lively oracles of God, and with a great variety of religious tracts.

They have been instrumental in establishing, reviving, and increasing a large number of local Bible and Tract Societies, and in this way, contributed essentially to the general objects of these institutions.

In some of their congregations and districts, the plan of the monthly distribution of tracts has been adopted and pursued with success; and liberal contributions and subscriptions have been made to purchase tracts for this purpose. Several hundred thousand pages of these silent but powerful messengers of mercy have by various means been put into circulation, and the blessed fruits of their labors in the tract cause have al-

ready been experienced by some of our Missionaries, in the increased attention of their people to the preaching of the word, and other means of grace, and in the awakening and hopeful conversion of some who were dead in trespasses and sins.

In most of the established congregations supplied by our missionaries, auxiliaries to your Board, on the fifty cent plan, have been formed, which contribute from ten to fifty dollars a year each to our funds. Similar auxiliaries to the Board of Education have also been formed in some of their congregations, and the number of these, we have reason to believe, will be soon increased.

The cause of Foreign Missions has also been remembered, and by most of our Missionaries something has been done to aid the noble operations of the A. B. C. F. M., located at Boston.

The cause of Temperance.

The reports of nearly all our Missionaries, respecting the rapid progress of the cause of Temperance in the different sections of the country where they labor, are of the most gratifying nature —and it affords great pleasure to the Board, to assure the Assembly, that this most blessed work of reform has been essentially aided by the vigorous, and untiring efforts of their Missionaries.— They have generally engaged in this good cause, with an ardor of feeling, a strength of purpose, and a devotedness of spirit, which must ensure success.— By their public preaching, their private and personal appeals, and the general distribution of essays and addresses on the subject, they have so far succeeded in removing prejudices, in answering objections and in suppressing opposition, as to secure in a majority of their congregations, the establishment of Temperance Societies on the principle of entire abstinence. A considerable number of these Societies are already large and flourishing, and their salutary influence is beginning to be seen and felt by all classes of men. Many moderate drinkers have been rescued from the snare of the fowler; some abandoned drunkards have been reformed; and a number of distillers, merchants, and tavernkeepers, have been induced to refrain entirely from the manufacture or sale of all kinds of ardent spirits.

Revivals of Religion and Additions to the Churches.

To the devoted minister of Christ, whose heart is duly impressed with the worth of immortal souls, and with a sense of his own responsibility—nothing can be more desirable and encouraging than seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and the outpourings of the Holy Spirit upon those who have been committed to his charge. At such times especially a spiritual harvest is enjoyed, seals are set to his ministry, and jewels are prepared to adorn his crown in heaven. But while these precious seasons should be sought from God with holy importunity, and be received when granted with profound humility and devout thanksgiving—ministers of the gospel who are not permitted at once, or with great frequency to witness them, should not hastily conclude that their labors in the Lord have, therefore been in vain. The seed of the gospel is "*incorruptible*," and if it be sown diligently, prayerfully, and in faith, it shall not perish. But at the very time, and under the very circumstances, which may be deemed *best*, by the Great Husbandman, it shall spring forth, and bear fruit, "some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred fold." In the dispensations of his grace, Jehovah acts as a Sovereign. It is his right thus to act, and it is the duty of his creatures to submit without murmuring or repining. In the awakening, conviction, and conversion of sinners, there is a great "diversity of operations, but the same spirit."

In some churches, the wandering sheep are gathered into the fold of Christ gradually, slowly; & one by one. While in others there are powerful excitements and great numbers are brought in together. Very few, if any of these powerful excitements, have been experienced during the past year in congregations under the care of our Missionaries. In 8 or 10 instances however, pleasing, and we trust genuine revivals have been experienced, which have resulted in the hopeful conversion of from 15 to 50 persons in each of the congregations which have thus been favoured. In nearly all our missionary fields, however, there has been a gradual and encouraging increase of the number of communicants.

The reports of 23 of our Missionaries, who have been particular on this point, exhibit an increase of members to the amount of nearly 600, chiefly from the world. The whole number of hopeful conversions, and additions to the churches, may be estimated at 1000. If even one half of this number have truly been born of the Spirit, and rescued from impending and eternal ruin and made meet for an inheritance with the saints in light—we have abundant occasion for gratitude and thanksgiving to God. *This single result* of Christian liberality

and Missionary effort has already interested and delighted angels, and surely it is enough to compensate rebellious men for all the sacrifices and self-denials they have made in attempting to discharge an imperious duty to the destitute and perishing. Yes, it is enough. It is the Lord's doings, and marvellous in our eyes. Your Missionaries have been the instruments, and the instruments only—the *efficient agency* has been exerted by the wonder-working God—and to His most holy name be all the glory.

PRESBYTERY OF LOUISVILLE, KY.

We have recently received from the Rev. Thomas Caldwell, Stated Clerk of this Presbytery, the following extracts from the Minutes of their last stated meeting.

"Resolved, that the members be directed to bring before their respective charges, and such of the vacant churches as they may have occasion to visit, the plan recommended by the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, for forming sessions into missionary associations, and recommend the adoption of that plan to as many of our churches as have not already done so.

"Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Samuel B. Robertson, William K. Stewart, and Thomas Caldwell, be appointed an Executive Corresponding Committee, on the subject of Missions, according to the plan recommended by the Board of Missions of the General Assembly."

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE, PA.

The following communication was received a few days since, from the Rev. Robert Johnston, Stated Clerk of this Presbytery.

"The committee, to whom was referred the recommendation of the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, in relation to the organization of Presbyteral executive committees, beg leave to report, that having examined the plan proposed by the Assembly's Board, they take pleasure in expressing their entire approbation of it, and would earnestly recommend to the Presbytery, the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.

"Resolved, that this Presbytery adopt the recommendation of the Assembly's Board, and appoint a Corresponding Executive committee to consist of *three ministers and two elders*, to be invested with the following powers, viz.—Refer to the recommendations of your Board, in which the powers of our committee are specified *without any variation*."

This report was unanimously adopted, and the following persons elected a "Presbyterial Executive committee," viz. Rev. Messrs. Robert Johnston, A. O. Patterson, and Samuel M'Farren; with the elders, Geo. Plumer, and Alexander Johnston.

A few days since, a handsome broadcloth coat, which has been presented to a Missionary in Ohio, was received by the Treasurer, accompanied with the following note:

S. ALLEN, Esq.—Sir, the loud calls of the Missionary and Education Societies have induced me to proffer the accompanying article. It is a relick, which has long been sacred to friendship, and may not now be devoted to any other, than a holy purpose.

Being unacquainted with both the names and characters of your beneficiaries, the donor hopes through your agency, the garment may be appropriated to some missionary of unquestionable piety, and of talents too, one who will go forth preaching to those who are afar off, with apostolick zeal, Christ and him crucified.

New Brunswick, 21st May, 1830.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS.

New York.

Rev. Jos. P. Tyler, 6 weeks to congregation of New Paltz.

Rev. J. B. Wilcox, for 1 year to Bethany Centre.

Rev. Isaac Oakes, for 3 months to Portland and Carroll, Chataugua co.

Rev. J. L. Edgerton, for 6 weeks to Champlain Presbytery.

Rev. R. Armstrong, for 6 weeks to Champlain Presbytery.

Rev. Phineas Smith, for 1 year to Cataraugus county.

Pennsylvania.

Rev. Wm. F. Houston, for 1 year to Warren county.

Rev. Geo. Vaneman, for 1 year to Green co. and vicinity.

Mr. Peter Donan, for 6 weeks to Luzerne county.

Mr. Jas. M. Arnell, for 1 year to Middle Paxton township.

Mr. John Glenn, for 1 year to Richland, Rockland, and Bethel, Jefferson co.

Rev. C. Riggs, for 2 months to McKean Venango, and Jefferson cos.

Mr. Adam Gilchrist, for 6 weeks to Charleston, Margaretta Furnace, Elizabethtown, and Middletown.

Mr. N. L. Rice, for 8 months to Morrisville, and vicinity.

Ohio.

Rev. Wm. Gray, for 1 year to Springfield, Clark county.

Rev. Jas Robinson, for 1 year to Tiffen, Welmore, and Scipio.

Rev. W. J. Bradford, for 1 year to Wood co. and vicinity.

Maryland.

Rev. Jas. Nourse for 1 year to Taneytown, and vicinity.

Mr. A. N. Cunningham, for 6 weeks to Talbot county.

Mr. John A. Mitchell, for 2 months to Snow Hill.

Kentucky.

Rev. S. B. Robertson, for 1 year to Cany Fork and vicinity, in Logan and Butler counties.

North Carolina.

Mr. Alexander McIver, for 1 year to Pittsboro and vicinity.

Tennessee.

Rev. Hugh Patten, for 1 year to Clarksville, Montgomery county.

Mr. John Dyke, for 1 year to Roane, Monroe, and Blount counties.

Illinois.

Rev. Israel Brainerd, for 3 months to Sangamon county.

Rev. C. Bushnell, for 3 months to Sangamon county.

Alabama.

Mr. Timothy Root, for 1 year to Bellefonte, and vicinity, Jackson county.

RE-APPOINTMENTS.

New York.

Rev. M. Harrison, for 1 year to Scott, Cortland county.

Rev. N. Gould, for 1 year to McDonough, and vicinity.

Rev. Charles Webster, for 1 year to Hempstead, Long Island.

Pennsylvania.

Rev. W. Ramsey, for 1 year to 2d church Southwark.

Rev. Salmon King, for 1 year to Warren, Bradford, county.

Mr. S. Montgomery, for 6 months, to Mauch Chunk, and vicinity.

Ohio.

Rev. Wm. Wallace, for 4 months to Cambridge, Guernsey county.

Rev. J. L. Bellville, for 1 year to Washington.

Indiana.

Rev. J. S. Thomson, for 3 months to Fountain county.

Mr. J. Thomson, for 3 months to Montgomery county.

Rev. W. Sickles, for 1 year to Rushville, and vicinity.

Rev. Isaac A. Ogden, for 1 year to Union, Franklin, and Fayette counties.

North Carolina.

Mr. Geo. W. Kennedy, for 1 year to Wilmington.

Mr. John L. Yantis, for 1 year to Waverly congregation, and Pike and Lincoln counties, Missouri.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

J. R. Bain, Tenn.; J. A. Mitchell, N. J.; D. C. Allen, O.; J. Hudson, Ky.; G. Printz, O.; J. R. Alexander, Ind.; A. O. Patterson, Pa.; W. Ramsey, Pa.; J. Breckenridge, Md.; J. Badger, O.; J. Wolff, O.; D. R. Preston, Flor.; S. H. M'Nutt, Ind.; S. L. Governeur, N. Y.; M. Harrison, N. Y.; P. Hassinger, N. Y.; J. Johnston, N. Y.; S. Miller, N. J.; J. A. Mitchell, N.J.; A. N. Cunningham, N. J.; J. Paine, Va.; Elders of ch. Cany Fork, Ky.; S. H. Crane, Ky.; J. Fine, N. Y.; R. B. Campfield, Pa.; B. Baldwin, Pa.; W. C. Anderson, Pa.; J. Blythe, Ky.; D. A. Sayre, Ky.; R. Reid. N. C.; D. L. Russell, Va.; J. D. Hughes, O.; J. W. Woodward, N. J.; R. Thompson, N. Y.; J. Burtt, Pa.; J. E. Annan, Md.; S. Hubbard, N. Y.; A. Aikman, Flor.; J. Burtt, N. J.; J. Coulter, Pa.; Hon. T. Frelinghuysen, D. C.; T. Archibald, Ala.; H. Van Deman, O.; A. L. Acee, & D. Johnston, Ala.; J. Thomson, Ind.; J. S. Thomson, Ind.; T. Caldwell, Ky.; G. G. Sill, N. Y.; R. Clapp, N. Y.; S. W. Leonard, N.Y.; T. Thomas, O.; J. A. Ogden, Ind.; A. B. Gilliland, O.; T. Barr, O.; S.G. Lowry, Ind.; J. Brainerd, N. Y.; R. Beall, O.; S. S. Davis, S. C.; R M. Laird, Md.; N. L. Rice, N.J.; Elders of the Church at M'Donough, N.Y.; Elders of the Church at Hempstead, L. I.; Messrs. G. S.White and F. McCorkle, Pa.; S. Finley, Ky.; J. L. Belville, O.; J. M'Kennan, Pa.; P. Montfort, O.; E. Whittlesey, D. C.; R. K. Morrison, N. C.; P. Smith, Pa.; J. Blythe, Ky.; J. Fine, N. Y.; S. H. Crane, Ky.; S. W. Doak, Tenn.; S. Laird, Ky.; J. Johnston and A. Welton, N. Y.; Mrs. E. Kinsley, N. Y.; W. Bushnell and G. Doolittle, Pa.; E. Hart, Pa.; C. H. Mustard, Del.; A. G. Morrison, Pa.; J. D. Hughes, O.; A. Coe, N. W. Ter.; J. Hanna, Pa.; Elders of the Church at Eaton, O.; Executive Committee of Muhlenburg Presbytery, Ky.; H. N. Pharr, N. C.; J. Bard, Ky.; W. Gray, O; J. Nourse, Md.; R. A. Lapsley, Ky.; J. Cunningham, O.; F. M'Farland, Va.; W. Bacon, Pa. J. Spicer, N. Y.; D. Whitney, Pa.; J. Gloucester, Pa.; S. W. Leonard, N. Y.; G. G. Sill, N. Y.; T. Archibald, Ala.; R. Thompson, N. Y.; A. Aikman, Flor.; R. Everitt, N. Y.; H. Van Deman, O.; W. Hanford, O.; S. H. Crane, Ky.; J. Blythe, Ky.; S. Hubbard, N. Y.; J. E. Annan, Md.; J. W. Woodward, N. J; R. Clapp, N. Y.; T. Caldwell, Ky.; J. Burtt, N. J.; T. Thomas, O.; A. H. Parker, Pa.; T. Frelinghuysen, D. C.; T. Barr, O.; R. Beall, O.; S. S. Davis, S. C.; J. C. Hutchinson, Va.; R. Post, D. C.; J. A. Ogden, Ind.; W. J. Bradford, N. Y.; J. Brainerd, N, Y.; J. Culbertson, O.; M. Chase, N. Y.; E. Hart, Pa.; J. S. Thomson, Ind.; W. Connell, O.; W. Bacon, Pa.; Trustees of the Church at Bethany Centre, N. Y.; W. Dickey, Pa; W. Sickles, Ia.; S. King, Pa.; J. Oakes, N.Y.; J. Thomson, Ind.; W.Gray, O.; J. Witherspoon, N. C.; George Junkin, Pa.; S. G. Lowry, Ind.; R. M. Laird, Md.; J. Coulter, Pa.

ACCOUNT OF CASH RECEIVED

Account of cash received by the Board of Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, during the month of May, 1830.

Augusta, Ky. From auxiliary society, in part, per Rev. J. Hudson,			$3 50
Alamance, N. C. Col. in Presb. congregation, per Rev. S. Paisley,			33 00
Albany, N. Y. From 1st Presb. church, per Mr. Annanias Platt,			30 00
do. do. Donation from Mr. A. M'Clure,			0 50
Alleghany Town, col. in 1st Presb. church, per Mr. J. Hannen, Tr. of session,			10 00
Buffaloe, Pa. Col. in Presb. church, per Mr. J. Hood,			50 00
do. do. From Female Missionary Society,			6 00
Bowling Green, Ky. From aux. soc'y. in part, per Rev. J. Hudson,			1 50
Bellvue, Pa. Donation from Mrs. Kennedy,			5 00
Bath, do. do. Mr. J. Wilson,			20 00
Buffaloe Ch. Ky. Col. in con. per Rev. S. Paisley,			4 00
Bedford, N. Y. From aux. female Miss'y. soc'y., per Rev. J. Green,	60 00		
do. do. Donation from Thomas Purdy,	do. 50		
do. do. do. From Mrs. Mary A. Green,	do. 5 00		
do. do. do. From Miss Mary Woolsey,	do. 5 00		
Poundridge, do. do. From Mrs. B. Hunt,	do. 10 00		
Bedford, do. do. From Bible class,	-do. 2 50		
			83 00
Bedford Presbytery, N. Y. Col. in Presb. church, per Rev. C. Long,			40 88
Buffaloe, Ohio, From aux. soc'y. per Rev. J. B. Clark,			8 75
Bellefonte, Pa. Col. in Presb. church, per Dr. S. Maclay, jun.			3 50
Belvidere, N. J. Monthly cont. col. per Rev. Mr. Candee,			2 50
Clarksville, Ky. From aux. soc'y. in part per Rev. J. Hudson,			50
Columbia, Pa. Annual subscription per Rev. R. B. Campfield,			21 56
do. do. Donation from J. M'Kissick, do.			5 00
Camden, S. C. Annual subscription per Rev. S. S. Davis,			5 00
Chanceford Ch. York co. Pa. Col. in cong. per Rev. Mr. M'Graw,			20 25
Carlisle, Pa. Annual col. per Rev. Dr. Cathcart,			13 97
Chambersburg, Pa. Col. in Presb. con. per Rev. Mr. Williamson,			10 00
do. do. Donation from a person unknown, do.			10 00
Churchville, Pa. Col. in con. per Rev. Mr. Finney,			13 50
Cross Creek, Pa. do. do. per Rev. J. M'Cluskey,			13 54
Crab Apple Con. Ohio, from aux. soc'y. per Rev. S. W. M'Kennan,			13 50
Cadiz, do. do. do.			3 50
Champlain Presbytery, Col. from con. per Rev. S. Lyman,			5 35
do. do. do. per Rev. Mr. Marsh,			6 90
Cooperstown, per Rev. S. Manning, do.			7 50
do. do. do.			63 25
Derry, Dauphin Co., do. per Rev. J. R. Sharon,			12 00
Danville, Ky. from aux. soc'y. in part, per Rev. J. Hudson,			5 00
Donegal and Marieta, Pa. Col. in con. per Rev. Dr. M'Graw.			18 50
Elkton, Ky. from aux. soc'y. in part per Rev. J. Hudson,			2 12
Elkton Academy, do. do. do.			2 13
Erie, Pa., Col. in Presb. ch. per Rev. G. A. Lyon,			15 91
Eno, N. C. do. do. per Rev. S. Paisley			14 25
Elizabethtown, N. J. From Presb'y., per Rev. Dr. M'Dowell,			71 43
Emmitsburg, Md. Donation from Mr. A. Horner, per Rev. R. Grier,	5 00		
Do. Mr. Jas. Crocket,	1 00		
Do. Mr. John Stewart,	3 00		
Do. Mr. Wm. Walker,	5 00		
Do. a little boy,	25		
Do. Annual subscriptions,	5 75		
			20 00
East Tuscarora, from aux. soc'y. per Rev. Jno. Coulter,			6 00
Flemingsburg, Ky. Col. in con. per Rev. J. Hudson,			12 00
Franklin, Pa. Monthly cont. col. per Rev. G. Doolittle,			1 00
Frederick, Knox co. Ohio, From aux. soc'y.,			1 00
Greensburg, Ky. from aux. soc'y. per Rev. J. Hudson,			5 30
Glasgow, do. do. do.			5 90
Greenville, do. do. do.			4 50
Gennessee Presbytery N. Y. Collections per Rev. Mr. Wilcox,			15 00
Greenwich Cum. co. N. J. annual col. per Rev. S. Lawrence, pastor,			10 00
Gettysburg and Great Cannawaga, Pa., Col. per Rev. Dr. Cathcart,			12 00
Hopewell, Ky. from aux soc'y per Rev. J. Hudson,			18 75

Hopkinsville, Ky. do. do.			5 50
Hopewell, do. do. additional per Rev. S. Steel,			2 50
Hudson Presb. N. Y. Collections per Rev. Dr. Fisk,			26 68
Head Christiana and White Clay Creek, Del. col. per Rev. Dr. M'Graw,			27 00
Huntington Presbytery Pa. col. per Dr. Samuel Maclay, jun.			5 00
Highlands, do. per Rev. Dr. Green,			8 33
Kingston, N. J. Auxiliary society, per Rev. Mr. Comfort,			30 00
Kingston. Pa. Col. con. per Rev. Mr. Murray,			4 50
Lexington, Ky. From Mr. Wm. Breckenridge, first payment,	20 00		
Do. Mr. Thomas T. Skillman, do.	20 00		
Do. Rev. Jas. Blythe, D. D. do.	20 00		
Do. Aux. 1st. ch. additional per Mr. F. Montmollin, Treasurer,	61 50		
			121 50
Lancaster, Pa., Annual subscription per Rev. R. B. Campfield,			22 25
Little River, N. C., Collection in con. per Rev. S. Paisley,			3 00
Lower Brandywine, Red Clay Creek, and Wilmington 1st church Del., Collection in con. per Rev. Dr. M'Graw,			9 31
Lower West Nottingham, and Charleston Pa., Collection in con. per Rev. Dr. M'Graw,			14 00
Londonderry, N. Y., From Missionary soc'y. E. L. Parker, Tr.			9 00
Lancaster, Ohio, From aux. soc'y. per Rev. J. B. Clark,			18 00
Long Island Presb. N. Y. Col. in con. per Rev. E. Young,			17 13
do. do. do. Ad. an. col. do. do. do.			9 50
Lewes, do. Indian River, do. do. do. Rev. Joshua Moore,			14 33
Lower Buffalo, Pa., From aux. soc'y. per Rev. S. W. M'Kennan,			6 75
Lewistown, do. Col. in con. per Dr. S. Maclay, jr.			7 50
Lawrence, N. J., From aux. society,	12 00		
do. do. Annual collections,	6 00		
			18 00
Morristown, Ohio, Col. in con. per Mr. Wm. M'Millan,			15 00
Milton, Pa., An. sub. in 1st Presb. ch. per Rev. T. Hood,			10 00
do. do. Col. in con. per Rev. Mr. Junkin,			8 50
Maysville, Ky., From aux. soc'y. per Rev. J. Hudson,			3 00
Montfordsville, Ky. do. do. do.			0 50
Middle Octorara, Pa. Annual subscriptions, per Rev. R. B. Campfield,			20 50
do. do. From aux. soc'y. per Rev. Mr. Barr,			16 44
Mississippi Presb., 50 cent sub. per Isaac Snowden, Esq.			227 50
Meadville, Pa., Col. in con. per Rev. Mr. Bushnell,			20 00
Mount Pleasant, Pa., From aux. soc'y. per Rev. A. O. Patterson,			28 79
Middle Spring, Pa. do. do. per Rev. H. R. Wilson,	37 50		
Do. Donation from a friend to Mis. do.	1 00		
Do. do. do. do.	1 00		
Do. Collections in con. do.	4 00		
			43 50
Martinsburg, Ohio, Donation from Mr. T. Marquis, per Rev. J. M'Kinney,			53 00
M'Connelsville, Ohio, From aux. soc'y. per Rev. J. B. Clark,			1 00
Mifflintown, Pa. Donation from Mrs. Bryson, per Rev. Wm. Ramsey,			5 00
Morristown, Ohio, From aux. soc'y. per Rev. S. W. M'Kennan,			1 00
North Middletown, Ky. do. do. per Rev. J. Hudson,			1 00
New Concord, Ky. Col. in con. do. do. do.	5 00		
Do. Donations from sundry individuals, do.	5 95		
			10 95
Natchez, Do do. Presb. ch. per A. Macrerey, Tr. of M. P.			62 94
North East, Pa. From aux. soc'y. per Rev. G. Doolittle,			26 00
New York, N. Y., Col. in Presb. ch. per Rev. Mr. M'Elroy,	18 50		
do. do. Col. in Pearl st. ch. per Rev. B. H. Rice,	56 00		
do. do. Mis. box in 1st Presb. ch. per Rev. Dr. Phillips,	10 00		
do. do. From 8th Presb. ch. per Rev. Dr. Rowan,	46 00		
			130 50
New Brunswick, N. J., Sub. in part from Presb'y. per Rev. G. S. Woodhull,			16 00
Northumberland Pa. Col. in Presb. ch. per Rev. Mr. Murray,			5 00
New Columbia, Pa. do. do. per Rev. Mr. Henderson,			2 00
New London, and Rock Ch. Pa., Col. in con. per Rev. Mr. M'Graw,			7 00
Norfolk, Va. Donation from Wm. Maxwell, Esq.			10 00
From Mrs. Louisa Cocke of Fluvanna Co. Va. per Wm. Maxwell, Esq.			20 00

Newton Presbytery. Collections per Rev. J. F. Clark,			70 65
Newark, Ohio. From auxiliary society per Rev. J. B. Clark.			22 50
New-Brunswick, N. J. From auxiliary society, per Mr. J. Carpenter,	13 00		
do. Presbytery, Annual collection,	6 25		
			19 25
Newcastle, Del. Collection in congregation per Rev. Dr. M'Graw,			10 00
Oxford, Pa. Collection in Presbyterian Church, per Rev. Dr. Dickey,			3 00
Oxford, N. J. do. do. Mr. Candee,			12 50
Philadelphia, Pa. Collection in 2nd Presbyterian Ch. per A. Henry, Esq.	29 70		
Donation from Mr. Wm. F. Geddes,	4 02		
do. do.	3 82		
From J. M'Alpin, Esq. his subscription for 1829,	100 00		
Collection at anniversary meeting,	53 22		
			190 76
Pisgah, Ky. From auxiliary society, 1st payment per Rev. Dr. Blythe,			40 00
Paris, Ky. Collection in congregation J. Hudson,			2 94
Pequea, Pa. Annual subscription per Rev. R. B. Campfield,	7 50		
Additional annual subscription of auxiliary society,	11 50		
			19 00
Princess Ann, Md. From auxiliary society per Rev. R. M. Laird,	5 00		
Donation from do.	5 00		
			10 00
Pencader, Del. Collection in Presbyterian congregation per Rev. Dr. M'Graw,			7 00
From auxiliary society do. Bell,			10 00
Pleasant Hill, Ohio. From auxiliary society do. J. B. Clark,			37 00
Pleasant Valley, Pa. do. do. Robert Dilworth,			3 12
Pittsburgh, Pa. Donation from Rev. Joseph Patterson per Rev. A. Green, D.D.			12 50
Pendleton C. H., S. C. do. Mrs. Col. Anderson per Rev. Mr. Dickson,			2 00
Penbroke, N. Y. Collection in Presbyterian congregation per Rev. L. B. Sullivan,			10 25
Russelville, Ky. From auxiliary society, in part, per Rev. J. Hudson,			50
Rushville and Olive Ridge, Ind. Collection in congregation per Rev. W. Sickles,			17 75
Rush Creek, Ohio. From auxiliary society per Rev. J. B. Clark,			28 50
Salem, Bigbend, and Greenville, Pa. Collection in congregation per Rev. Mr. Alexander,			12 00
Sawickly, Pa. From Female Cent Society per Rev. A. O. Patterson,			10 25
Shamoken, do. Collection in congregation per Rev. Mr. Henderson,			8 75
Silver Spring, do. do. do. M. Williamson,			13 00
Seneca, Ohio, From auxiliary society, do. J. B. Clark,			8 25
St. Clairsville, do. Additional annual payment per Rev. J. M'Cluskey,			19 17
From auxiliary society per Rev. S. W. M'Kennan,			8 50
Shippensburg, Pa. Collection in congregation per Rev. H. R. Wilson,			5 00
Taneytown, Md. From auxiliary society per Margaret Birnie, Treasurer,			5 00
Trenton, N. J. do. of First Presbyterian Church per Rev. Mr. Cooley,			7 50
Upper Octorara, Pa. Annual subscription per Rev. R. B. Campfield,			17 00
Annual collection per Rev. James Latta,			10 00
Unity, Ohio. From auxiliary society per Rev. J. B. Clark,			4 50
Upper Marsh creek, Pa. Collection in congregation per Rev. H. R. Wilson,			5 00
Virginia, Donation from Miss N. Waddel,			15 00
Woodbury, N. J. Monthly concert collection per Rev. M. Williamson,			17 31
Winchester, Ky. From auxiliary society do. J. Hudson,			9 75
Wheatland, Monroe co. N. Y. Monthly concert collect'n per Rev. J. Hart,	30 00		
From Female Missionary Society do.	20 00		
			50 00
Wilkesbarre, Pa. Collection in congregation per Rev. Mr. Murray,			21 00
Wilmington, Del. do. 2nd Presbyterian Church, per Rev. Dr. M'Graw,			7 00
do. 3d do. do. do.			12 00
Whitehall, N. Y. do. Presbyterian Church do. Kennedy,			7 00
Washington, Ohio, From auxiliary society do. J. B. Clark,			7 75
West Alexandria, Pa. do do. J. M'Cluskey,			60 07
Washington, do. Collection in congregation do. S. W. M'Kennan,			5 00
Waynesburgh, do. do. do. Dr. Samuel Maclay, Jr.			2 50
York and Hopewell, do. Annual collection do. Dr. Cathcart,			23 25
Young Womanstown, do. Collection in congregation, per Rev. Mr. Barber,			10 00
Missionary Reporter, from sundry subscribers,			126 25
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REPORT

Of the Board of Education to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, for 1830.

In laying before the Assembly an account of their proceedings, during the past year, the Board feel bound to acknowledge the smiles of divine Providence on their feeble efforts, and thence to take fresh courage in discharging the solemn and important duties assigned them by the constitution under which they act. We are fully persuaded that the design of this institution is good and great; and we do entertain a strong confidence in its ultimate success; but, believing at the same time, that every good and perfect gift cometh down from the Father of lights,—that our sufficiency in this, as in every other evangelical enterprize, is of God,—and that all means owe their efficacy to the divine blessing, we adopt the prayer of the Psalmist: "Let *thy* work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children; and let the *beauty* of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish *thou* it."

Of Beneficiaries.

At the date of the last report, the number of beneficiaries in immediate connexion with the Board was nineteen. Since then, thirty-six have been received, most of them within the last eight months, making in all fifty-five. They are young men of some maturity of judgment; varying in age, from fifteen to five and twenty. They have been recommended by persons well acquainted with them, and whose opinion seemed entitled to respect; are pursuing their studies in various academies, colleges, and theological seminaries, in six or seven different states of the union. Most of them are well forward in their education; and a considerable proportion of our whole number will probably be licensed to preach the gospel within three years from this time.

As much depends on the character of candidates for the sacred office, it is exceedingly desirable, that those brethren, who make application to the Board in behalf of young men in indigent circumstances, should exercise a due degree of caution in furnishing testimonials. To recommend, in this case, is a business of serious responsibility. Young, ardent, and inexperienced applicants themselves do not always know what spirit they are of; kindness to *them*, therefore, as well as *fidelity to the church*, will, in some instances, require their friends and advisers to dissuade them from seeking an office, for which they may seem deficient, either in the right spirit, or in the requisite intellectual endowments. It is, obviously, not the design of Providence, that every pious young man should become a minister of the Gospel. At the same time, it is the earnest wish of the Board, that every youth, whose heart God hath powerfully inclined to this holy, self-denying work, and whose talents and good sense give promise of usefulness, should be brought forward and aided as his circumstances may require. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

Although the members of the Board cannot be personally acquainted with all our beneficiaries, yet, with the view of promoting habits of devotion and diligent attention to study, we intend, so far as may be practicable, to keep up a correspondence with, and exercise over them all, a faithful, parental supervision. This, it is believed, can be done to some extent, through their teachers and our official agents.

Of Agencies.

The Board, being fully convinced by the experience of ten years, that the services of a Corresponding Secretary and General Agent, whose whole time and attention should be devoted to the objects of their appointment, were indispensable to the success of their endeavours, to secure the confidence and unite the energies of the Presbyterian Church in this momentous enterprize, adopted measures soon after the rising of the last General Assembly, to engage some one to undertake the duties of that arduous and very responsible office. It was found difficult to get a man of the right qualifications, to engage in a work, which had dragged heavily, and with but little success, for so many years. Publications, containing strong appeals to Presbyteries and churches, had been repeatedly made, without much effect. A feeling of despondency on the subject, seemed to have taken deep root, in the minds of a large proportion of our people. Young men of gifts and graces, were compelled either to relinquish all hope of obtaining an education befitting the holy office of an ambassador of

Christ, or to seek assistance from other sources than those of their own denomination; which must, in many instances, lead them out of their accustomed walks, and tend to diminish their attachment to the doctrines and usages of the religious connexion, in which they had been born and baptized. The Board of Missions, moreover, were feeling the want of men in whom they could confide, as missionaries, to the wide and waste places of our Zion. In a word, it had become quite evident, that, unless something were done, and that speedily, to rouse the attention of the Presbyterian church, *as such*, to this interesting subject,—the business of training men for the ministry, (so far as regards the indigent among her own pious and devoted sons,) would very soon pass entirely out of her hands, and beyond her control; and that, as a natural consequence of her criminal supineness in this matter, she might expect in process of time, to suffer loss, not only in a numerical diminution of strength, but in the purity of her public ministrations and in the harmony and consistency of her ecclesiastical councils. With these views, and to ward off evils, such as have been just hinted at, it was resolved to spare no pains to procure such agencies, as seemed necessary to accomplish the design of the General Assembly, in instituting a Board of Education. With some degree of faith in God it is hoped, as well as confidence in the ability, zeal, and liberality of a Christian people to sustain them in the measure, the Board, learning that the Rev. Dr. William Neill, then President of Dickinson College, intended resigning his connexion with that institution, did, on the 23d day of July last, by a unanimous vote, elect him to the two-fold office of corresponding secretary and general agent. The office was prospectively accepted, early in the following month; and he entered upon its duties the first of October.—Since then he has been fully employed in visiting the churches, attending meetings of the church judicatories. communicating information, and collecting funds. Of the success of his efforts, some brief notices have been published; the result will appear, more in detail, in the Treasurer's Report, herewith to be submitted. Several local and temporary agents have been appointed, from whom no reports have, as yet, been received. Should the system of co-operation, digested by the Ex-Committee, and published in the last number of the Register, be generally adopted by the Presbyteries and churches, it will supersede, in a great measure, the necessity of expensive subordinate agencies; and the hope is fondly cherished, that every pastor, missionary, elder, and communicant, in our connexion, will hold himself in duty bound to render some assistance in a business so deeply interesting to our whole church, and so intimately related to the cause of missions, the glory of the Redeemer, and the salvation of the world.

Plan of Co-operation.

In the last number of the "Education Register," a plan was submitted, in the hope that it would reach most of our Presbyteries, through that channel, and thus prepare the way for an expression of the Assembly's opinion concerning it, agreeably to Article XII. of the constitution, which says: "The Board may propose to the General Assembly, from time to time, such plans as they may consider useful and necessary for the success of the institution, to be recommended to the several societies or churches, as the Assembly may think proper."

The plan is as follows:

[*See Cover, p.* 3, *and Register, No.* 9, *p.* 141.]

Missionary Reporter and Education Register.

In the month of September last, a periodical publication was commenced with the above title, by the Missionary and Education Boards, jointly. The object of which is, to give information concerning the designs, the operations, and wants of these kindred institutions. Some such work was deemed necessary, as a part of our system of action; and considerations of economy and harmony, influenced the members of both Boards, to undertake it in concert. It is edited by the Corresponding Secretaries, and furnished, 16 pages monthly, at the very low rate of 50 cents per annum, payable in advance. It is hoped that our friends will take an interest in the extensive circulation of this paper. It is humble in its pretentions; yet we trust it will be found useful and animating to those, who rejoice in the progress of the Gospel, and are praying the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers. It will serve to bring the objects and claims of both Boards into view *statedly*, and *unitedly*, in a dense form, and familiar style.

Receipts and Expenditures.

For a detailed account of receipts and disbursements, the Assembly are referred to the Treasurer's report, from which it will appear that the success

and usefulness of the Board, have been much greater during the past year, than formerly. This, it is but justice to state, has been owing in great measure, to the faithful and untiring exertions of our Secretary and General Agent. Since his appointment, he has visited the churches, explaining the objects of the Board, and collecting funds, as extensively as time and circumstances would permit; and there is good reason to believe that the churches will at length, be roused to fulfil in some measure, the duties which in this respect, they owe to their Lord, and to the souls of their fellow men.

The amount of monies received during the year, ending May 20th, 1830, is $6000 63

Of this sum, there has been expended in appropriations to beneficiaries, and in defraying the necessary expenses attendant on the operations of the Board, the sum of 3990 09

Balance now in the Treas'y. 2010 54

More than three times the amount of this balance, however, will be necessary to enable the Board to fulfill its engagements with its present incumbents, during the ensusing year; and as new applicants for aid may be continually expected, the importance of vigorous and extended exertions, to increase the funds, must be evident to every one, who pays any serious attention to the subject.

Origin, design, and expectations of the Board.

In closing this their brief report, the Board beg to be indulged in submitting a few remarks, by way of appeal to the good sense, and christian feelings of their Presbyterian brethren in the Lord. We need scarcely remind the General Assembly and the people whom it represents, that this Board owes its origin and all the power with which it is invested, to a solemn and deliberate act of the Presbyterian church in these United States;—that it is designed to secure *equality*, *efficiency*, and *harmony*, *unity* and *uniformity of action*, and a *concentration* of *efforts* in the momentous duty of introducing to the work of the Gospel ministry, a competent number of pious, well disciplined, and devoted servants of Christ, in order that the glad tidings of salvation, may be preached to the destitute in our own country, not only, but to every creature; to all the world;—that its views and appropriations are not limited to any one section of the church, but are extended to the needy and deserving, of the north and south, the east and west, to the extremities of the land;—that it is intended to serve as a medium, through which the wants of the poor may be met, and supplied by the offerings of the rich,—the common receiver and impartial distributor of the charities of the church, sacred to this holy purpose, for the glory of the Redeemer, and the salvation of immortal souls;—that it is *dependent on, and responsible to* the church as *such*, in all its transactions—and that of course, it can do little or nothing effective, except, in so far, as it enjoys the confidence and support of the church which instituted it, judging its instrumentality expedient and necessary in the discharge of her solemn obligations to her gracious King and Head.—Such being the origin, design, and relations of the Board, may we not count with certainty, on the cordial and regular patronage of our whole body ecclesiastical? Is it not reasonable to expect, that we shall be enabled, by the believing prayers and liberal contributions of our brethren, to execute the trust and fulfil the duties assigned us as the servants of the church, for Jesus sake? While hundreds of congregations, in our own immediate connexion, are destitute of the stated ministrations of the Gospel, vast fields of missionary ground within our limits, unoccupied; and hundreds of millions of our wretched race worshipping idols and perishing for lack of vision, shall we not go forth united and fearless, to the work of evangelizing the world? Does the gospel of God's grace announce the only efficacious sacrifice for sin,—proclaim the only justifying righteousness, and make known the true way to eternal life? Is the Redeemer's command, "Go, preach the gospel to every creature? and does this command bear upon us, in common with our fellow christians of other denominations in full force, and with divine authority? Then, should we not *as a church*, evince our readiness to do our part, in filling the world with the knowledge of the Lord, that there may be nothing to hurt or destroy in all God's holy mountain—that the redeeming Saviour may see abundantly, of the travail of his soul, and be satisfied, and that the ends of the earth may look unto him, and be saved? "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."—"But, how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?" And we may add, how can men be sent forth in adequate numbers, and with suitable qualifications, to evangelize the world,

unless the Christian church feel more, and do more, on the subject, than she has ever yet done? It is known and acknowledged by christians, that the preaching of the gospel is the grand expedient devised by the only wise God our Saviour, for the recovery of mankind from the dominion of sin: and yet more than three fourths of our fallen race, are unblessed with the light of the son of righteousness. Even here, in this nominally christian country, the choicest of all countries, something like half the population are destitute of the stated ministrations of the word of life; and that population increasing at the rate of 350,000 a year. How then, is this lack of ministers of Jesus to be supplied, if christians do not assist those pious, but indigent youth, who are willing to consecrate themselves to the work? The Presbyterian church has been for many years, doing something in this business; but she has never put forth a twentieth part of her strength, for the accomplishment of her professed and praiseworthy designs. She is now organized for action. She has her Sabbath schools, her Bible classes, her Manual-labour academies, her Theological seminaries, and her Missionary and Education Boards. Let her, through the medium of these institutions, and with faith and prayer, act a part, becoming the space which she occupies in the gospel vineyard, and God will bless her, and make her a blessing to the world. Signed by order of the Board;

WILLIAM NEILL,
Sec'y. and Gen. Agent.

Phil'a., May 19th, 1830.

Sessions of General Assembly, May 29, 1830.

"1. *Resolved*, That the annual report of the Board of Education, submitted to the Assembly, be approved and published under the direction of the Board.

2. *Resolved*, That the General Assembly rejoice greatly in the increasing attention, which is paid to, and in the growing interest taken in, the cause of education in various parts of our church, and earnestly recommend to all those Presbyteries and congregations which have not already organized Societies in this or some other form, the adoption of the plan proposed by the Board of Education in the present Report.

3. *Resolved*, That in view of the great and increasing want of well qualified ministers of the gospel, in our own and in foreign lands; and the increasing demand, on the part of foreign and domestic missionary and other societies, of more labourers, the General Assembly would avail themselves of this and every other opportunity, affectionately to call to this momentous subject the attention of all such congregations and Presbyteries as have not yet adopted systematic and efficient plans of co-operation in this great and good work.

4. While the Assembly would thus commend its own Board of Education to the churches under its care, yet as many of our churches have already united their efforts with other education societies. Therefore resolved, that the churches and Presbyteries should be left to their own unbiassed and deliberate choice, of the particular channel through which their charities shall be given in aid of this great department of benevolence. Attest,

JOHN M'DOWEL, *Perm. Cl'k.*

The Treasurer's Annual Report will appear in our next number; and also the reports of Presbyteries, so far as they have been received. They are postponed for want of room.

We respectfully invite the attention of our ministers, church-sessions, and Presbyteries to the plan of co-operation published in our last number, and on the 3d page of the cover of the present number. It is short, simple, and practicable. The Board have received, on their funds, several young men, since the foregoing report was submitted to the Assembly; and it seems desirable that they should be able to assist every needy and deserving candidate that offers. The most that is allowed to any one beneficiary, is one hundred dollars, per annum: within this sum, aid is afforded, as the necessity of each requires. Every congregation that pays one hundred dollars a year, will have the satisfaction to know that they are supporting one candidate for the ministry. And may we not hope, that our list of individual subscribers, of $100 per annum, will be increased? Will not the destitution of from eight to nine hundred vacant churches and the pressing calls for missionary service, at home and abroad, move those who have the means to contribute freely towards the relief of their fellow-immortals, who are in danger of perishing, through lack of Gospel vision? "Look not every man on his own things; but every man, also, on the things of others."—"No man liveth unto himself."

PLAN OF CO-OPERATION.

1. Let every Presbytery declare itself auxiliary to the Assembly's Board in this matter, and appoint an executive committee, whose duties shall be to notice, examine, and recommend young men, who may be deemed proper subjects;—to devise, and publish, and carry into effect, measures to raise the means of assisting them;—and to make a full report of their transactions to Presbytery, at its stated meetings, and to this Board once every three months.

2. Let the Church Sessions take this business up in earnest;—let there be a subscription opened, in every congregation, and let the members be requested to contribute annually, fifty cents or more, for the purpose contemplated, on or before the first day of April, payable to the Treasurer of Presbytery.

3. Let an appropriate discourse be delivered once a year, in every pulpit, whether vacant or supplied; and the yearly contribution be called for, either immediately at the close of public worship, or as soon as possible, by collectors appointed by the Session.

4. In some congregations it may be deemed expedient to form an Education Society, though we suppose, that in general, the business can be done as well and with more ease through the church session; provided the pastor and elders take an interest in the subject. The churches, in and near the city of Philadelphia, where the Board and its Executive Committee hold their meetings, may prefer being immediately auxiliary to the Board: to this we see no reasonable objection.

5. In regard to the controul of the funds. The constitution of the Board gives to every Presbytery, and to every auxiliary society, properly constituted, the right to supply the wants of its own incumbents, out of the means raised within its limits, the surplus to be forwarded to the Board. This is as it should be; but let it be well noted, that, if every Presbytery, and every auxiliary contents itself with raising just money enough to supply the wants of its immediate dependents, it will be impossible for the Board to answer the purpose for which it was instituted. We hope, therefore, that Presbyteries will not graduate their efforts by the number and necessities of their own candidates. On this principle there could be no "equality." The whole church is distributed in Presbyteries; and what is the Board of Education, but the creature of the Presbyteries, through whose agency the wants of the weak may be met and relieved, by the energies and offerings of the strong?

Should the foregoing plan be adopted generally, and carried into effect with vigour and zeal, we have no fears as to the success and usefulness of the Board.

PLAN

For rendering Sessions Auxiliary Societies to the General Assembly's Board of Missions.

It is believed, after much reflection, that Sessions may become the best auxiliary Missionary Societies that can exist n the Presbyterian Church—that they are more happily adapted to this purpose than any other associations that can be devised, and may supersede the necessity of any other. Sessions are already formed, and must be continued as an essential part in the order and government of the Presbyterian Church; and by their taking an agency in missionary affairs, the church will act *directly by her own officers*, which is the most proper and desirable mode of action, in every thing in which the church is concerned. By Sessions assuming the form of Missionary Societies, all the trouble and all the expense of forming other Missionary associations will be saved; and at the same time Missionary bodies will become more numerous, and more extensively and generally influential, throughout the whole Presbyteriau population, than they can ever be otherwise rendered. Missionary operations will in this way be more intimately brought home, as they need to be, to every congregation and to every individual in it, as a concern of their own: and when the people see their own representatives, men of their own choice, and in whom they have confidence, managing and superintending this business, they will be likely to contribute more willingly, generally, and liberally, than they would otherwise do. If in some places it should be considered necessary or expedient, that an individual or two, without becoming regular members of Session, should be joined with it for the special purpose of conducting missionary business, there could be no objection to such a measure.

Auxiliary societies in missionary operations are always chiefly employed in collecting funds for the use of a parent society, or missionary board, by which missions are planned and Missionaries selected and sent forth. Now the Supreme Judicatory of the Presbyterian church have appointed a Missionary

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OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Review and Conclusion.

Two years have now elapsed, since the reorganization of your Board was authorized by the General Assembly—but the entire plan which has been developed in the first part of the present report, has been in operation but a very few months, and is as yet unknown to many of our churches. Still, however, when they compare the doings of the present, with those of the past, and especially of the preceding year, they would deem themselves ungrateful and unworthy of being employed as the stewards of God, and the servants of his church, if they did not thankfully acknowledge the hand of God, and take courage.

The following table will exhibit a brief view of the most important operations of the Board for the last three years.

	1828	1829	1830
Number of Missionaries	31	101	198
Amount of time embraced in their commissions	8 years	60 years	182 years
Average expense of each year's ministerial labour	$396	$300	$130
Receipts	$2400	$8000	$12,632.43
Appropriations	$3000	$15000	$23,782.34
Number of auxiliaries	none	150	350
Congregations and destitute districts supplied	not repor.	not repor.	300

The *increase* of Missionaries, of permanent auxiliaries, of receipts and appropriations, and of congregations supplied, and the *diminution* of the expenses incurred by the Board, as presented in the foreign summary, are without a parallel, it is believed, in the history of missionary operations in our country. These very striking and favourable changes in their circumstances are to be attributed, not to any extraordinary wisdom or energy in the Board, but to the previous changes effected in their organization, to the simplicity of their plan, and its strict conformity to the constitution of our church, to the increased zeal and liberality of the churches, and above all, to the gracious interposition and blessing of God upon their labours. For the humble instrumentality which they have been privileged to exert in carrying into effect this plan of operations, for the first principles of which they are debtors to the wise and venerated founders of the Presbyterian church, they desire to be unfeignedly thankful—and they can truly say, that the time, and labour, and thought, bestowed upon this great object, have been consecrated cheerfully, and with great pleasure and profit to themselves.

But although a considerable amount of good has already been accomplished, the blessed results of which will be fully known only in eternity, yet your Board are very deeply impressed with the belief, that the great work, in which they are engaged, is but just *begun*. "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." The wants of more than three hundred feeble congregations and missionary districts have indeed been supplied, some new churches have been formed, and the means of religious instruction, and moral culture, have been considerably multiplied; but when the work already accomplished is contrasted with what remains yet to *be done*, there is much in the contrast which ought to humble, and affect, and distress the heart of every philantropist, and of every Christian.

Notwithstanding all the past efforts of your Board, and of other sister institutions, the wants of our *vacant churches* have not been half supplied. There

are several hundreds of such churches still destitute of a stated ministry, which really need, and earnestly implore, assistance. More than one hundred additional labourers, and the means necessary for their support, are actually needed by your Board at the present time.

How overwhelming then is the prospect before us, when we add to the numerous vacancies, within the comparatively narrow boundaries of our own church, the widely extend moral wastes of the South and West, where the voice of the Missionary has never been heard, and where *hundreds of thousands of families* are not only destitute of a preached gospel, but even of a Bible to point them out the path to happiness and heaven. We need not descend to particulars. It is already known to the Assembly, that the entire extent of country, stretching from the North Western Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, and from the Alleghany to the Rocky Mountains, embracing a population of more than 4,000,000, and that population daily increasing with unparalleled rapidity, can be regarded by the enlightened Christian, as little else than a vast Missionary field—already white unto the harvest, and calling aloud for the sympathies, and prayers, and efforts, of all who have hearts to feel, wealth to bestow, or time to consecrate.

From the post of observation, which your Board have been permitted to occupy, they have looked down upon this vast field with unutterable emotions. They have carefully surveyed it in all its length, and breadth. They have listened to the melancholy moanings of the desolate daughters of Zion, who are weeping here and there, by the streamlets which wind their way through this mighty moral wilderness.

They have seen a generation springing into being, and rising up to manhood, ignorant of the God of their fathers, destitute of the means of moral culture and religious instruction, and pressing onward in their sins to the bar of God, and the retributions of eternity. They have mourned, they have prayed, they have wept, over the melancholy scene; and now in behalf of these perishing millions, they make a solemn appeal to this venerable Assembly, and through them to every Presbyterian church in our country.

In the language of the dwellers in the wilderness, they ask, "can nothing more be done, to rescue these undying souls from present wretchedness and everlasting wo?" Let Christian parents consecrate their sons anew to God, and pour forth morning, evening and midnight prayers for their conversion, that the schools of the prophets may be replenished. Let those who have already been authorized to preach the gospel, but are now unemployed, thrust themselves without delay into the wide spread harvest. Let the rich bring of their abundance, and the poor of their humble pittance, and cast them into the exhausted Treasuries of the Education and Missionary Boards.

Let the influence and the efforts of all who love Zion, and the souls of men, be sacredly combined, and powerfully exerted. Let the judicatories of our church, from the lowest to the highest, be thoroughly organized, and brought up to the Missionary work. Let all who know the way to the mercy seat, lie upon their faces before God, and plead with *Him* for help. And then something shall be done, and done effectually. The company of the preachers shall be great, and the means of the support shall be ample. Feeble congregations shall be sustained—new churches shall be organized—the destitute shall be supplied. The wilderness shall be converted into the garden of God—it shall rejoice and blossom as the rose, and the land of the pilgrims shall be saved from becoming the grave yard of political and religious liberty—and shall be made pre-eminently the land of Immanuel, mountain of holiness, and a dwelling place of righteousness. By order of the Board,

JOSHUA T. RUSSELL,
Corresponding Sec'y. of the B. M. G. A.

PRESBYTERY OF LEXINGTON, VA.

"On motion, resolved, that the Presbytery give up the management of the Missionary business within their bounds to the Board of Missions of the General Assembly; and that the Commissioners from this body to the General Assembly, be authorized to make such arrangements with the General Assembly's board as may be necessary to accomplish that purpose.

Resolved, that whatever funds may remain in the Treasury of the Missionary Society of this Presbytery, be paid over to the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, as soon as the missionary affairs of its own Society are closed.

A true extract from the minutes of Lexington Presbytery.

FRANCIS MCFARLAND, *Stated Clk.*
Staunton, Va., April 25th, 1830.

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

New York.

From the Rev. Nahum Gould, a Missionary in the county of Cataraugus, N Y., dated Elliotville, March 23, 1830.

This Missionary has supplied regularly 7 stations, during the last 5 months, and occasionally visited other places. From his interesting report, we can make only the following extracts.

"I commenced my labours here on the 25th October. I found the field assigned me a large one, and under little or no moral cultivation. A field 36 miles square, and but one church fully organized; but one minister in the whole county of our order. The first station I occupied was *Franklinville*, situated on the Ishua Creek, 20 miles from its junction with the Alleghany. Here were 30 members of the Presbyterian church, in covenant with each other, and who had enjoyed occasional supplies. They had no rules of discipline, & were independent of any ecclesiastical body. They held no meetings by themselves, except when a preacher was present. No monthly concert nor prayer meetings, no Benevolent society, except a Sabbath school.

With this church I have spent 7 Sabbath's, preached 22 times, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 2, baptized 1 adult, 1 infant, attended a few prayer meetings—meetings of the Session, and of the Temperance Society.

Feb. 3, I organized this church, by setting apart 3 Elders in the manner our Constitution directs. The church is connected with the Presbytery of Angelica. We have dismissed 4 members, and admitted 4,—1 on certificate, and 3 on profession.

Here has been some serious attention; cases of conviction, and hopeful conversion. Our congregation will average 80. It is a good number for this region. The inhabitants in the neighborhood of this church, are principally in favour of Presbyterians. The people are poor, and can do but little for the support of preaching. They will probably raise $50 for the support of your missionary.

A Temperance Society, has been formed here, and exerts a good influence. The Sabbath school has not existed through the winter. We hope to revive it soon. It is very doubtful whether we can get up a Bible class. We hope to form a Bible Association, the way is preparing.

Benj. McClure, Clerk.

Ellicottville, our county seat, is my next station. Here had formerly been a church connected with the Buffalo Presbytery. But none existed of any order, when I came here, if I may except an Episcopal. A few members, relics of the old one, and others recently from abroad, were found here and there, to tell the sad tale of its death. It was thought to be a fruitless attempt to make an effort to organize a church, or even a Society, or to raise a subscription for missionary services. After a few weeks, however, our School house became full, and crowded, so as to render it uncomfortable.

Dec. 19, and 20, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Gridley, we organized a church of 11 members, ordained 4 elders. Since, we have added 9 members; making our present No. 20. Here I have preached 17 times, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 2, baptized 1 infant, attended one meeting of the county Bible Society, a few meetings of the Session, prayer, and other religious meetings, where I have taken a part in the exercises.

I have visited other towns, viz. Little Valley, Machius, Napoli and Olean, where I have preached 9 times. In each of all these towns, there are some Presbyterians. At Olean, once existed a church, connected with Bath Presbytery; but it is now lost. It cried for help; but being so far from the shores whence help could be found, none heard, and she died alone, unpitied and unknown! Her name was known on the Records of Angelica Presbytery, but none knew that she was dead, till it was told them a few weeks since. It was then proposed to send an Ambassy after her, if peradventure she might be found, but they were told it was too late now. One old lady told me the fence never had been kept up, the sheep were gone, and the wolves were not yet retired from the fold to their retreats. I have visited other towns, and am solicited, and importuned to come and preach to them. But how can I. Will no one pity poor Cattaraugus? Will no one come and help me? Will any body send a poor missionary here a few Tracts? He has nothing to purchase them for the people."

From the Rev. Matthew Harrison, dated Preble, April 28, 1830.

Revival in Harrison, N. Y.

"Once in two months the sacrament of the Lord's supper has been uniformly administered, and a preparatory lecture

uniformly attended on Saturday immediately preceding. Baptisms have occasionally occurred; but owing to the smallness of the church, this ordinance has been administered but few times in the course of the year.

A small but interesting bible class has been uniformly attended once in two weeks through the year, unless something very special has occurred to prevent. I have visited most or all the families attached to the society and church of Harrison, and in performing this important duty, I have not past by families of other denominations. In the discharge of this duty, the subject of the soul's concern has been the principal theme. Parental duty and filial obedience have been pressed on parents and children as indispensable. The duty and importance of family worship, as necessarily connected with parental duty in order to be successful in training up the rising generation, has been much dwelt upon both in public and in private —in preaching and visiting. As far as I could, consistently with the discharge of other duties, I have visited schools within the bounds of the society.

It is now about six years since I commenced my ministerial labours with this people as missionary, mostly under the patronage of the General Assembly. With them I have statedly laboured sometimes one-fourth, sometimes one half, sometimes two-thirds or more of my time, endeavouring to discharge my duty in the manner as above described.

In the course of my labours with this people, about four years ago, the Lord was pleased in his great mercy as it may be remembered, to gladden the hearts of his people here, with a precious though short season of refreshing from his presence. In this precious little season of revival, there were a goodly number of souls born into the kingdom and added to the church; most of whom united with the open communion Baptists, as might be expected; as they compose much the greatest portion of the population. A number, however, of young men, and a few females, then united with the Presbyterian church. Those all, hitherto, have sustained a fair christian character and are active members in the church.

Since the revival now alluded to, the church of different orders perhaps never experienced a more gloomy season. Vice of almost every description seemed to abound among the impenitent, and the love of christians appeared to wax cold indeed; and thus, without any favourable prospects, it continued to be with us, until about the middle of last month. It was then at an unexpected moment, the Lord as it were bowed his gentle heavens and came down. Christians were found with one accord, as on the day of Pentecost, in one place. It is now a season of deep interest with them on the subjecf of religious inquiry.

The present religious excitement seemed to be induced by the setting up of a little female prayer-meeting. At our communion on the last Sabbath in February, several females agreed to meet weekly on Sabbath evening, to pray for a revival of religion. They had observed but three of those seasons, before the room they occupied became too small to contain those who wished to unite with them. It was now changed into an open prayer-meeting and conference, and removed from a private room to a large school-house near by, which also soon became crowded.

It was in this place and in this manner the excitement began. The serious impression seemed to come down like the dew or the rain on the mown grass.— None could say from whence, only from the Lord. It is in very deed the Lord's doings, and it is marvellous in our eyes. I have not written to the Corresponding Secretary, according to the instructions in the commission, because I had nothing to tell of but our leanness. I will not say that this is a justifiable excuse. I have *now* delayed a week longer than otherwise I should have done, that I might be prepared to judge the better, relative to the true character of the revival from its fruits. I was with the church last Saturday, and attended to a preparatory lecture. The season was impressive. The church members appeared solemn yet animated. On Sabbath the attention of every individual appeared to be arrested, and all as silent as sleep. Many wept, but they were still. At the communion, one female, on previous examination and approbation, united with the church. This person dated her hope of a change of heart some time in the course of last summer. She gives good evidences that she is a christian. At four o'clock on Sabbath, we had a conference: the house was crowded apparently with anxious hearers—all was attention—none were trifling there.— There are now several, who hope they have experienced that change proposed by our Saviour to Nicodemus as necessity to salvation. With those I have had but little opportunity to converse. On the whole, there appears pretty decided evidence that it is the work of the Holy Ghost. Christians appear to be

very feeling on the interesting subject, and in a good measure awake. O my dear brother, it is an interesting time with this people. Pray for them.

I commenced the year now gone, under much gloom and discouragement. I have now great occasion to rejoice and be thankful, that I am permitted to see a revival of religion in this place; and I have no less reason to be humbled under a sense of my own unfaithfulness and unworthiness. I wish now to ascribe all the glory to Him, who can and who does turn the hearts of the children of men whither he pleases, as the rivers of water are turned. Under the influence of the Holy Spirit, many are still anxiously inquiring, and soliciting the petitions of christians in their behalf."

From the Rev. Chester Long, dated White Plains, N. Y., May 1, 1830.

"The house in which I preach, is located in a pleasant village, in which there is a court-house and three places of public worship. There was a church and settled pastor of the Presbyterian denomination in this place, previous to the Revolution. At the time of the battle of White Plains, the village was burnt, together with the house in which the Presbyterians worshipped. After peace, no efforts were made, for more than thirty years, to revive the drooping interests of Presbyterianism, and that church had become extinct before the organization of the present one.

This church consists of twenty-four members. I preach usually two, and occasionally three times, on the Sabbath. The congregation is respectable for numbers, and is, I trust, growing. Good attention is uniformly paid to the word preached, but there is no special attention to the subject of religion among us. We greatly need one of those seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, with which some parts of our Zion have been recently blessed. We have a prayer-meeting on Wednesday, and a lecture on Thursday evening of each week, which are well attended. A Sabbath School was formed last year, which has been kept up during the winter, consisting of about fifty scholars.—This we look upon as the hope of the church. Trained up here in the doctrines of the Presbyterian church, we hope that from this nursery many will be transplanted, in due time, into the vineyard of the Lord. A bible class we have had, composed of females, which we were under the necessity of discontinuing through the winter, but intend to revive it soon. The scattered state of my congregation, renders it somewhat difficult to attend to this important part of ministerial duty. Though all that will attend, might be formed into one class, yet they are so scattered, that it is necessary to form two or three classes. I have commenced visiting my congregation this spring, but have not been able to get through with it. This I regard as an important duty; for the neglect of which, no engagedness or fidelity in preaching the word will make amends. Hitherto, having had charge of two congregations, scattered over a wide extent of country, it has not been in my power to do as much as was desirable. I hope to be able to devote more time to this duty this season.

The monthly concert for prayer has not been regularly attended: and you will readily conclude from that circumstance, that there is very little engagedness among professing Christians in this place. It is so. For if there is any one fact, which unerringly indicates the spiritual health of a church, it is the punctuality and zeal, with which that season, consecrated to the cause of Zion, is attended to. Although our efforts to observe that season of prayer have hitherto failed, I am resolved for the future it shall be observed, whether few or more attend. We greatly need, as I trust we have, the prayers of your board that God would bless our feeble efforts for building up his Zion in this place."

PENNSYLVANIA.

From Mr. J. Campbell, dated Kittaning, Pa. May 31, 1830.

"I may say with safety, that the cause of religion has been advancing gradually, ever since I have commenced labouring here. I succeeded beyond my most sanguine hopes, in the Sabbath School cause. There was some opposition, which no doubt was increased in consequence of an infidel paper from New-York, sent to this place. Generally, however, there was a cordial approbation and we got on the *first trial* about forty dollars to purchase a library. There are about sixty scholars in the school. We have had the library for several weeks past, and the school has been weekly gaining in interest and credit.—I have a weekly lecture on the Sabbath School lesson.

We had the sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered here, on yesterday a week since. Two joined for the first time on examination, and three by certificate. The season was an interesting

one, and we have good reason to believe profitable to some out of the church. I spent the last week with a neighbouring minister, in visiting this people from house to house. As it was the week immediately succeeding the sacrament, we expected to find some inquiring the way to eternal life. We were not disappointed:—there were but few families where we were not encouraged to hope the Holy Spirit was operating. A number appeared considerably impressed with the importance of *now* seeking the favour of God, and some were, as far as we could judge, under very deep impressions."

From the Rev. Samuel Montgomery, dated Yellow-Creek, Feb. 1, 1830.

"During the preceding month, I have travelled 127 miles, preached 21 times, made 19 visits, attended my classes as usual, and formed two Tract Societies, each consisting of between thirty and forty members—one at Springfield, the other at Martinsburgh, auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Branch. Respecting the latter place, the Branch is incorrect in their report: there never has been a society fully established in this place. In these destitute places, to render auxiliaries permanent, (and without which, they can be of little or no service,) it is necessary they should have a missionary among them, to exhort and keep them alive, and so of Sunday Schools and prayer-meetings; otherwise, where there are few or no pious people to engage in them, as is generally the case here, they will dwindle away to nothing. As to the success attending my labours, I have nothing special to relate, that would be interesting. People formerly indifferent are now anxious to hear the gospel. I now preach to crowded houses, whereas at first, not rarely did I address 20, 15, or 30, yet I am constrained to cry, Oh, my leanness! Oh, my leanness! Many of my hearers, I am fully persuaded, are rationally convinced of gospel truths in their own minds—almost persuaded to become christians, but have not resolution to come forward and own the Lord Jesus, and make confession with the mouth unto salvation, and this because of the multitude. Alas! how the enemy hedges up the convicted sinner's way.—Daily do I see that sacred truth verified: Neither is he that willeth any thing, nor he that planteth, nor he that watereth, but God that showeth mercy, and giveth the increase. Yet for ever blessed be his name, that though unworthy, he hath made me the instrument of finding some of the dear sheep of his pasture, and of comforting some mourners in Zion.—This, Sir, fills my mind with pleasure I want words to express. To be hailed as the messenger of consolation, and to possess the consciousness of having imparted spiritual good to our perishing fellow men, that has been owned and blessed, is, methinks, the sweetest and most pleasurable sensation that can be experienced this side of Heaven. How delightful to meet them in that blessed world! But I am trespassing. Let it be our constant endeavour to win many sons and daughters to glory, that we may partake of the honour and blessedness of those who shall shine as the stars in the kingdom of Heaven for ever and ever."

Ohio.

From the Rev. R. B. Dobbins, dated Williamsburgh, Clermont Co. O., 25th May, 1830.

"We had a communion season, which commenced on the 23d, and terminated on the 26th of April. Mr. Beech, the agent for the American Bible Society, had appointed a meeting at Batavia, for forming a County Bible Society, and had visited all the Presbyterian clergymen in the county, or had notified them to attend on the 28th. An Association was formed, and only six persons were willing to pledge themselves to the agent, that the destitute should be sought out, and reported to the Executive Committee on the 9th of June next. Two large townships of the county fell to my share. Lest the business should not be accomplished in the time, which was short for the quantity of labour to be performed, I commenced immediately in searching out the destitute, and engaging persons to assist me; and I have only been able to obtain the hope, that those I have not visited personally will be visited by others.

In the month of April, 1829, when the church of Williamsburgh resolved to apply to the Board of Missions for assistance, melancholy marked its countenance. The church had no house of worship. They had usually assembled in the court-house. After the seat of justice was removed from Williamsburgh, the court-house reverted to Gen. Lytle and needed repair. The congregation concluded to build a house of worship. After they had made their brick, they thought they were not able to put them up, and had nigh given over building. But after several efforts to encourage them, they rallied their force and put

up the walls to the square almost, and there stopped. This was the state of things when they applied to the Board. At this time I consented to preach to them one half of my time on the Sabbath, and have continued to do so until the present. The hope that the Board would assist them, inspired them with courage, and they renewed their attempts to finish the house of worship; and it was so far forward by the first Sabbath in August, that a four days' meeting was appointed to be held in the house, which accommodated us five days. For the Lord was with us, and so great was the excitement, that the preachers and people were willing to stay to the last moment they could, consistent with other appointments. Twenty-six persons were added to the church on examination, and one on certificate. The whole additions to the members last year, were thirty-one. Two died: twenty-two have been dismissed to form two new churches—one at Batavia and one at New Versailles. The members in Williamsburgh church at present, are sixty-two. We have not increased in strength, in proportion to our increase in numbers. The members dismissed belonged to thirteen families; six new families were added to the church.—Those dismissed were more wealthy than those added. The support for the year ending April, 1830, is ninety-seven dollars. That for the present year is about seventy. Perhaps it may be increased a few dollars. The prospects of the church are better than they were. More life of religion is in the church now. Since the increase last summer, a Wednesday evening prayer-meeting has been kept up—prayer-meetings on those Sabbaths that I am not with them—a Temperance Society, formed last winter on the principle of entire abstinence.—This has met with much opposition, and produced considerable excitement. A Sabbath School, which I attend on those days I am in this place. A Bible-class has lately been set on foot, which we hope will prove particularly beneficial to the church. I preach twice on the Sabbath, which, with the Sabbath School exercises in morning and evening, fills up the day."

From the Rev. Thomas Thomas, dated Venice, April 27, 1830.

"We have carried on a Sabbath School, at which from twenty to fifty scholars, and from five to fifteen teachers, have attended during the winter.—We have raised forty-eight dollars to furnish a library and rewards for the Sabbath School. In this department, our prospects of usefulness are very encouraging. You will receive a particular account of our small church, consisting of fifty-one members, in our synodical report. We have been very much beset by Universalians, and other enemies, who have been industriously circulating their periodical publications, in which much has been said against Presbyterians, for petitioning against the Sabbath Mails, and for attempting to unite Church and State, to compel the people to pay tithes, &c. &c. These reports, so confidently made, have considerably impeded our progress. But our most deadly enemy is the number of distilleries with which we are surrounded, and in which some friends to our cause are engaged. With earnest desires for the prosperity of your Board, and for an interest in your prayers, that the Divine Spirit may descend and dwell with us." Yours, &c.

Extracts from the Journal of a Missionary in Union County.

Feb. 23, at night attended the meeting of lecture and prayer in Marysville. Pretty good number out considering the wet. Villagers are poor hands to stand mud.

24th, this day, I have been with the President of a Temperance Society, to see a church member in this county, who is erecting a Whiskey Distillery! We found him engaged at the establishment, diging a well; himself half way down, and another man at the bottom, about 11 feet below the surface of the ground. One old gentleman was setting the coppers in a log building, and a young man was carrying mortar.

I stood for some minutes, and viewed the insipient preparations for the manufactory of "liquid fire," death, and destruction; and considered what might be the best mode of attack upon this engine of the devil. To have an interview of *some* kind, with this professed disciple of Jesus, was my serious determination. To meet him at his house, where his wife might hear our arguments, and our Heavenly Father the social prayer, was very desirable. But then we must take him from his work, (or rather, the work of *Satan;*) we must exclude the other workmen from our auditory, and remove ourselves from a situation the most favorable for operations.

After being exercised with various emotions, too painful and trying to be described, the discussion commenced.

We soon had three against two, while the young man was silent. We made it our aim to enlighten and convince, and that in such a manner, as to give the least occasion for offence; while we endeavored to be plain, pungent, and faithful, as in the light of eternity. By their consent on leaving them, we made a generous distribution of moral power, such as "Improvement in Farming," "Kittridge's Address," and other Tracts, together with the "Journal of Humanity." As the good and the bad should sometimes meet, Kittridge was left under a full bottle of whiskey.

[Should I tell you to *what denomination* the above professor *belongs*, perhaps you would be compelled with me to blush with shame! But I forbear.]

At night, preached at Milford, (in this county,) on the subject of Sunday schools. Pretty good number out, obtained a Superintendant and two female teachers, and appointed a time for the school to commence. Perhaps a school may begin soon. Also, proposed to "preach to the people next week, on the subject of Temperance, and to present to them information relative to the good cause;—not because they are very intemperate as a Village; but because many of them are *temperate*, and are the very kind of people who ought to *co-operate* in temperate movements."

A few days ago, a whiskey drinker in M———e, attempted to raise a log cabin. During the first day, he had but five hands; of course the work moved on slowly. They raised the walls 7 or 8 feet. The next day a "*temperance* man" advised him to leave *his* "*bottle*" *behind*, and he would "have plenty of hands;" for the "cold water men" could put up his building "*directly*." Having been assured the thing would be done, he (swore) he would go *without* the bottle. The "*men of strength*" came forward, and effected the work in good time and order.

26th, at night, preacheu at Mr. ——, (in this county,) and baptized his "household" consisting of five children. Pretty good number of people out considering the travelling. In the course of the evening, introduced the subject of temperance, and read to them from the "Journal of Humanity" &c. At the close of the exercises, left them a Temperance Constitution, Tracts, religious papers, &c. Also, left one copy each of Beecher and Kittredge, to circulate through the neighborhood; re commending them to be read by every master of a family, to all his household

27th, visited a sick man who has recently had a thigh broken by the fall of a limb from a tree. He has been notoriously wicked, but seems to feel *now*. Sometime before this accident, he dreamed that his life was soon to be terminated *very suddenly*, which alarmed him very much, and made him a little thoughtful. So we see, that the wicked are *afraid to die*, all their apparent bravery notwithstanding. The Lord have mercy on this poor man! By his permission, I nailed up a Handbill Tract in his house.

Visited a sick woman who was very low. She has been a *professor;* may she prove to be a *possessor*, when Jesus Christ shall judge her!—Last night, the roof took fire! All were asleep but the master of the house, who heard the noise of the flame. He was sitting up reading a *Tract*. How pleasant to think, that Tracts will save many from "*eternal* burnings!"

Visited two backsliders who have recently been suspended from the communion of the church. May the Lord lead them to repentance! Had a Hand bill Tract, nailed up in their house.

Georgia.

From the Rev. James R. Talmage, dated, Columbus, March 8th, 1830.

Since my last report I have been labouring principally in the counties lying between the Flint and Cattahoochee rivers. This country is very new, having been settled by the whites about two years. There is a continual stream of population pouring into this part of the state from the older settlements, and from the two Carolinas. There are already in this new purchase, as it is termed, several county towns of considerable importance. Of these, Columbus in Muscogee county, is the most important. It is just below the Falls of the Chattahoochee river, is the head of Steam-boat navigation, and will undoubtedly be a place of considerable trade. The Baptists and Methodists have each a stationed preacher in this place. There has been no regular preaching by ministers of our denomination—last fall they had a three days meeting, the Rev. Mr. Lanair, has preached for them occasionally, and I have given them 4 or 5 sermons. Eight or ten members of our denomination are all very anxious to have regular preaching here. They consider it not only an important place, but an important period in the history of the place. I have frequently heard such expressions as these, "Do stay with us. Do send us a preacher. How long shall we be de-

prived of the regular administration of ordinances? In the Methodist church we cannot feel ourselves at home. Between us and the Baptists there is a partition wall—do not forget us." When I hear such entreaties, all I can say is, "pray to the Lord of the harvast to send more labourers into the vineyard and make good use of the means of grace which you have.

Since my last report, I have travelled about 448 miles, visited 65 families, preached 24 discources. The people have generally listened with great attention, but there has been no peculiar excitement in the region where I have been labouring.

From Mr. James Paine, dated, near Lexington, Va., Jan. 29th, 1830.

Since the 29th ult. which was the date of my first monthly report, nothing of special interest has occurred. During the present month I have preached 8 sermons, visited 8 families, travelled 176 miles, distributed 500 pages of Tracts, consisting chiefly of "Kittredge's address on Intemperance." I hope this Tract will be made instrumental in preparing the way for the organization of a Temperance Society. I am happy to inform you that our meetings are well attended. An increasing desire for the hearing of the preached word; a more deep attention while present, and a sense of the value of the word of truth, which is able to make sinners wise to salvation, appear to be evinced by the people during the last month. Much feeling has been manifested at every meeting. Many affected even to weeping. This repentance and sorrow for sin, is not extended to those alone, who have never made a profession of religion; but also to those who for many years have been members of the church. These little churches have been a long time without the means of grace.—(Indeed they never have had a stated and regular preacher.) They now begin to feel that they have been remiss in their duty. That they have lived too much like those who know not God, and obey not the gospel; and that it now becomes them to be humble, sincere, and penitent; to be zealous in the performance of every good word and work. And truly there appears to be the disposition manifested. Measures have been adopted for supplying Bath, Pocahontas, and Greenbriar counties, with the Bible. Funds sufficient for supplying the destitute of these three counties can be raised within their respective limits. Greenbriar has in part been supplied. Money necessary for the supply of Pocahontas, has been subscribed in the county. In my travels I supply every destitute family which I can find or hear of, within my bounds. I have little doubt, with the blessing of God resting upon our poor endeavours to circulate his word, but these three counties will be supplied during the ensuing spring and summer. Little or nothing, at present, is done in these parts for the furtherance of any other benevolent institution, but we trust it shall not be always so. These counties are extremely mountainous.—The population very spare, so that nothing like concentrated effort can be brought into operation, this is much to be regretted as it is a considerable drawback on much good that might otherwise be accomplished.

I would have preached oftener during the last month, but for the following reasons. I was very much indisposed during four days, one of which was the Sabbath, and I was unable to preach. I had my pulpit once supplied by a brother. And three times inclement weather, and high waters have prevented the people from assembling. The people have so far to come to preaching that they cannot in this season stay for only one sermon; I therefore, do not always preach twice on Sunday. When I preach twice I have to ride 18 miles over two large mountains, this I sometimes do. Though this is not always expedient, as the people cannot be always assembled at night. Pray for us, we have much need of ardent persevering prayer. Your Missionaries suffer many privations in endeavouring to cultivate the moral wastes of Zion. But we glory in tribulation. Believing that these "short afflictions which are but for a moment, shall work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." May the blessing of our God rest on the labours of the General Assembly's Board of Missions.

Extract of a Report from Mr. James Paine, Lexington, Va. May 31.

Since I wrote to you last, I have established two Sabbath schools; one of which promises much good, and to which we shall soon attach a library. The other is weak, but we hope it will continue to gain strength. I have also organized two Bible classes, from which I hope to see much good result. Catechetical exercises have not been neglected. But it is a lamentable fact, and one, which reflects no credit on the Presbyterian church of the present day. That our youth generally in this section

of our country, are permitted to grow up without being made acquainted with our catechisms; those admirable systems of divine truth and knowledge. To this neglect in a great degree, may be imputed, the errors which have crept in among us. Since I wrote to you last, I have preached 16 sermons, attended several other meetings, visited 12 families, travelled 130 miles. The way has also been prepared for the formation of 2 or 3 Temperance Societies.

Our communion season will be next month, when I hope a few will be added to the church, of such as shall be everlastingly saved. Pray for us, that our hands may be strengthened and our hearts encouraged, in carrying on the good work of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ. May his kingdom come, and his will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. I remain dear sir, yours with all due respect and love.

Extract of a report from the Rev. John Andrews, near Pittsburg, Pa, June 2, 1830.

I have, every where, urged the formation of Sabbath schools, and visited those formed when it was practicable. Within the field of my labours there are now in operation, 14 schools, which contain an aggregate of about 350 scholars, in different stages of improvement. Some, indeed, which promised well in their beginning, are declining, either from the negligence or incompetence of teachers, or the indifference of parents, Others, which were small in the beginning, are now increasing in numbers, interest, and benefit to the rising race. This is generally the case where the teachers are competent, zealous, and indefatigable in their labours of love. The scholars in the schools have been collected from families of different denominations, and many from such as have in time past, lived totally without God in the world. These institutions afford favourable opportunities for the distribution of religious Tracts, and prove the means of bringing many promising young persons into Bible classes.

I have succeeded beyond my most sanguine expectations in forming Bible classes; and have now under my care 13 of these institutions, consisting of from 8 to 36 members, making an aggregate of 212 members, chiefly young persons, male and female, belonging generally to families attached to the Presbyterian church, but in many instances, to those of other denominasions—Baptists, Methodists, and United Brethren n Christ, who do me the justice to believe that my object is not to make prosclytes to a party, but to instruct the rising race in the knowledge of the Scriptures, and promote their spiritual and eternal interests. Many are not connected with any religious denomination. My largest and most flourishing class is in a neighborhood where there is not, to my knowledge, one Presbyterian professor of religion. In its formation I have been much indebted to the influence and exertions of a gentleman, not particularly connected with any church, but judging correctly that the knowledge of the word of God is of great importance to the rising generation. In many instances, married, and even aged persons, have enrolled their names as members of classes; and are carefully studying the lessons assigned for their own improvement, and for the encouragement of their own children and other youth. Some who are opposed to Sabbath schools and religious Tracts, encourage Bible classes and enter their children as members. With a few exceptions, the classes have been well attended, and I have been much encouraged to persevere in my work. I meet all the classes in systematic order once in two weeks, and examine each minutely on a portion of the New Testament, previously assigned, usually containing about 25 verses. The examination is always followed with an exhortation, as practicable as possible, upon the subject of the lesson; and is both preceded and followed with prayer and praise. The whole time employed in the classes, is usually from an hour and a half to two hours.—In the discharge of this part of my duty, I feel much interest; and trust the exercises of the classes are interesting, instructive, and in some degree, impressive, to the minds of the members. I am acquainted with no means better adapted to teach the knowledge of the sacred oracles, and lead the young to remember their Creator in the days of their youth. In reference to these institutions, which occupy much of my time, I consider it my duty to pursue my present course, unless I should find an abatement of attention when the charm of novelty shall be over, which there is some reason to apprehend.

I am fully convinced of the great importance of family visitation; but my engagement with Bible classes and other labours, has left me little time or strength to attend to this duty. I have occasionally given religious instruction and advice in families; generally where I have lodged; but hope to have an op-

portunity of visiting many families who scarcely ever hear the gospel, and can only be reached by visits to their houses and by religious Tracts.

During the three months in which I have been in the service of your Board, I have been enabled, in the good providence of God, to deliver 56 discourses, administered the Lord's supper once, received into communion, 7 persons, and baptized 3 infants, formed 13 Bible classes, and examined them 56 times; attended two prayer meetings, and gave an exhortation at each; assisted in forming five Sabbath schools, and visited those and others nine times; gave religious instruction 52 times in families, visited the sick in five instances; distributed one copy of the Bible, 46 copies of the New Testament in Sabbath schools, and Bible classes, 3 copies of Bible questions, and 1738 pages of religious Tracts; and travelled in the whole, 673 miles.—But this statement includes all my ministerial and missionary labours; and it must be acknowledged that they have frequently been performed in a very defective manner, and not with zeal bearing any due proportion to the magnitude and importance of the work to which a labourer in the Gospel vineyard is called. And I am not yet able to state, upon satisfactory evidence, that the result of my imperfect labours has been the conversion of sinners from the error of their ways. But I hope to be an instrument in an humble degree, of preparing the way of the Lord in a region which, in time past, has laboured under great moral disadvantages, and in which the population is considerable and rapidly increasing.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. W. C. Anderson, for 3 months Misary Agent to New York and Pa.

Mr. Geo. D. McCuenn, for 1 year to Mount Pleasant and vicinity, Wayne county Pa.

Rev. Jas. Kemper, for 1 month to north west part of Ohio.

Rev. S. Cowles, for 1 year to Fairview, Malaga, and Woodfield, Ohio.

Rev. S. B. Smith, 1 year to Middletown O.

Rev. W. B. Linn, 1 year to Lower Bethel O.

Mr. L. C. Rutter, for 1 year to Manchester, Cabin Creek and vicinity, Ohio.

Rev. W. Jones, for one year to Clear Creek, Adelphi, and Dry Run, Ohio.

Mr. Thomas Cratta, for 3 months to Crawford and Madison counties, Ohio.

Rev. Robert Lee, for 1 year to Bucyrus and vicinity, Crawford co. Ohio.

Rev. John R. Moreland, for 3 months to Marion and Johnson counties, Indiana.

Rev. S. K. Sneed, for 1 year to Louisville, Shippingport and vicinity, Ky.

Rev. John Hudson, for 1 year, vicinity of Lexington, Ky.

Rev. R. Pettibone, for 1 year to Michigan Territory.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

D. Page, N. Y.; C. Long, N. Y.; J. Hill, Indiana; W. B. Stow, N. Y.; J. Paine, Va.; D. A. Sayre, Ky.; R. B. Dobbins, Ohio; J. Campbell, Pa.; J. Blythe, Ky.; D. C. Allen, Ohio; J. Andrews, Pa.; R. McCachren, Pa. S. Henderson, Indiana; J. Ficklin, Ky.; A. Coe, Missouri Territory; D. McIntyre, N. C.; S. King, Pa.; J. K. Burch, Ky.; H. Vandeman, Ohio; S. L. Crosby, Del.; H. Harris, N. C.; J. H. Brooks, Tenn.; S. W. Robbins, Ky.; R. Whiting, N. Y.; J. P. Tyler, N. Y.; S. N. Rowan, N. Y.; Elders Fairview, and Malaga, Ohio; J. S. Ball, Missouri; J. Hunt, Ohio; J. E. Annan, Va.; T. E. Hughes, Ohio; J. Coe, Ohio; A. C. Tufft, N. Y.; J. Reynolds, D. C.; J. Hudson, Ky.; G. W. Warner, Ohio; J. C. Stockton, Ohio; W. C. Anderson, Pa.; T. Holliday, N. Y.; R. Elliott. N. Y.; W. F. Houston, Pa.; J. M. Ray, Indiana; J. Lewars, Pa.; H. Kennedy, Md.; J. Hoge, Ohio; D. Humphrey, S. C.; S. Van Rensalear, N. Y. A. Coburn, Pa.; L. M. Warren, Michigan Territory; J. D. Stevens, Michigan Territory; J. Reed, Indiana, G. G. Sill, N. Y.; T. Barr, Ohio; N. W. Angle, N. Y.; J. D. Pickands, N. Y.; A. B. Lawrence, Tenn.; S. McColl, Alabama; W. Neill, Pa.

Account of cash received by the Board of Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, during the month of June 1830.

Amity, Pa. Col. in cong. per S. Thompson, Tr.	$18 50
Albany, N. Y. Presbytery, Col. per N. Davis, Esq. Tr.	6 00
Do. do. do. In 3d ch. per. Rev. S. B. Pond,	4 70
Apple Creek Ohio, Col. in August 1829, per Rev. J. D. Hughes,	3 00
Do. do. do. in cong. per R. Beall, Esq. Tr.	28 37½
Bricelund's Cross Roads, Pa. Col. in cong. per S. Thompson, Tr.	23 25
Bethany, Miss. Cong. from aux. soc'y. per Jas. Smylie,	9 00
Big Spring, Ky. Col. in part per J. Bemiss,	6 00
Columbus Ohio Presby. Col. per Rev. E. Washburn,	51 06
Coshocton, Ohio, Annual col. per A. Hanna,	4 33
Centre, Pa. Col. in 1829, per Rev. J. D. Hughes,	13 00
Deerfield, Ohio, Do. do. do.	4 25
Do. do. do. in sundry places, per do.	2 12

Danville, Pa. From Gen. Daniel Montgomery, his sub. for 1830.			100 00
Doylestown, Pa. Col. in cong. per Robert Dunlap,			11 75
Deep Run, Do. do. do. per Rev. Mr. Hotchkiss,			3 50
East Hopewell, Ohio, do. do. per R. Beall, Esq. Tr.			0 50
Forks of Wheeling, Pa. do. per S. Thompson, Tr.			23 00
Fannettsburg, Pa. Donation from Mr. Paul Geddes, per Rev. A. A. McGinley,			5 00
Graysville Hunt. co. Pa. Col. in cong. per J. M. Williams, Tr.			15 00
Hopewell, Pa. From aux society, per S. Thompson, Tr.			26 20
Hanging Fork, Ky. do. do. additional per Rev. W. Dickson,			5 50
Long Island, N. Y. Donation from Rev. Charles Webster,			15 00
Mingo Creek, Pa. Col. in cong. per S. Thompson, Tr.			58 29
Mount Prospect Church, From session per do.	6 50		
Donation from Rev. Mr. Man,	0 50		
do from G. Tenneman,	0 50		
do. from T. Miller,	0 50		
do. from Missionary Fund,	5 00		
			13 00
Malta, N. J. Col. in Presb. ch. per Rev. A. Green, D. D.			4 50
Middletown Ohio, From aux. soc'y. per Rev. W. J. Fraser,			4 25
Millersburgh Ohio, Col. in cong. per R. Beall, Esq. Tr.			10 81¼
Mansfield, do. do. do.			13 00
Mount Vernon, do. do. do.			5 62½
Martinsburgh, do. do. do.			18 50
Mary Ann, do. do. do.			16 00
Newman's Creek, do. do. do.			31 00
Neshamony, Pa. Col. in cong. per Rev. R. Belville,	2 96		
Do. do. aux. miss. soc'y. per do.	9 75		
			12 71
Newcastle, Del. Annual sub. from Presb. ch. per Dr. Cooper.			17 00
Newark, N. J Presby. col. per Rev. D. S. Fisher,			27 29
Do. do. Donation from Rev. D. J. M'Graw,			3 00
Newtown, Bucks co. Pa. Col. in cong. per Rev. Mr. Boyd,			13 70
New York, Presb. col. in Jamaica, L. I. per H. Auchincloss, Tr. of N. Y. Presb.			60 00
Do. do. in Brooklyn, do.			30 00
Do. do. in Cedar st. ch. do.			33 00
Do. do. in Brick ch. do.			28 56
Do. Sweet Hollowe, do.			2 00
Do. Canal st. ch. per W. Steele, Esq.			7 00
Do. Donation from do.			4 50
Orwigsburg, Pa. Col. per Rev. Mr. Parke,			1 46
Pittsburgh, Pa. From Mr. S. Thompson, Tr.			0 26
Pittsgrove, N. J. From aux. soc'y. in part per Mr. Janvier,			2 50
Do. do. From missionary box, per do.			1 17
Pigeon Run, Ohio, Col. in cong. per R. Beall, Esq. Tr.			16 62½
Pleasant Valley, and Springfield, Ohio, do. per do.			8 00
Philadelphia, Donation from F. Leaming, Esq.	50 00		
Do do. from Mrs. S. Spencer, widow,	5 00		
Do. Col. in 8th Presb. ch. per H. McKeen,	22 00		
Do. do. in 1st ch. Northern Lib's. Rev. J. Patterson,	12 00		
			89 00
Reading, Pa. From aux. soc'y. per Rev. Mr. Parke,			7 00
Springfield, Ohio, Amount of collections and donations at sundry times, since July 1829, per Rev. J. D. Hughes,			131 18
Sugar Creek, Ohio, Col. in cong. per R. Beall, Esq. Tr.			25 50
Salt Creek, do. do. do.			1 27
Upper Buffaloe, Pa. From association per Rev. W. C. Anderson,			35 62
Utica, Ohio, Col. in cong. per R. Beall, Esq. Tr.			12 50
Washingdon, Ohio, From aux. soc'y. per Rev. W. J. Frasier,			11 77
West Carlisle, Ohio, Col. in cong. per R. Beall, Esq. Tr.			15 00
Wooster, do. do. do.			20 81¼
Yellow Spring, do. Annual col. per Rev. W. J. Frasier,			1 50
Do. do. From aux. soc'y. per do.			22 75
Missionary Reporter, From sundry subscribers,			145 50
Dollars,			1,342 19

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REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES

To the Board of Education of the General Assembly, on the subject of educating poor and pious youth for the Gospel Ministry.

The Presbytery of Washington has one beneficiary under its care, to whom some pecuniary aid has been afforded during the past year.

The Presbytery of Miami has two beneficiaries, and has raised $104.12½ for their assistance.

The Presbytery of Chillicothe has three beneficiaries, and has raised for their use $87.75.

The Presbytery of Lexington has two beneficiaries, and has afforded them some aid, the amount not specified.

The Presbytery of Portage has raised $400, in aid of six beneficiaries, within the limits of the Synod of the Western Reserve.

The Presbytery of Cincinnati has one beneficiary under its care, and has expended on him, during the year past, $108.

The Presbytery of Winchester has three beneficiaries, under its care; has raised $507, and expended $438.87 in their support.

The Presbytery of Wabash became auxiliary to this Board in October last; has one beneficiary under its care, and is making collections for his support.

The Presbytery of Madison is rendering aid to several young men in Hanover Academy, in connection with the Synod of Indiana.

The Presbyteries of Hopewell and Georgia, are attending to this business, in connection with the Georgia Education Society. This Society, we are informed, is prospering. From the 1st of April, 1829, to the 1st of April, 1830, it afforded assistance to eighteen beneficiaries, in the sum of sixteen hundred dollars. One of their beneficiaries has recently been licensed to preach the Gospel.

The Presbytery of Redstone has three beneficiaries, and has expended on them during the last year, one hundred dollars.

The Presbytery of Oneida is co-operating with the Western Education Society, and has raised, for education purposes, during the year ending April 1st, 1830, $1607.31.

The Presbytery of Huntingdon has sent ten dollars to the Theological Seminary at Princeton, to be applied at the discretion of the Professors, agreeably to the wish of the donor; and has a small sum on hand.

The Presbytery of Columbus has become auxiliary to this Board; has appointed an executive committee, and has nine beneficiaries under its care, and is using the means of procuring funds for their support.

The Presbytery of New-Brunswick has three beneficiaries under its care, to whom some assistance is afforded.

The Presbytery of Bedford is supporting one beneficiary.

The Presbytery of Elizabethtown has two beneficiaries; has raised $193.75, and expended $110, in support of their candidates.

The Presbytery of Newark has three beneficiaries, on whom the sum of $130 has been expended, the past year.

The Presbytery of the District of Columbia is auxiliary to this Board; has three beneficiaries, and has raised for their support, during the last year, $341.

The Presbytery of Newton has four beneficiaries, on whom it has expended, during the last year, $200.

The Presbytery of North-River is affording assistance, less or more, to nine or ten candidates for the ministry, within its limits.

The Presbytery of Watertown has three beneficiaries under its care, and is making laudable exertions to raise money for education purposes; $159.38 are reported as raised during the last year.

The Presbytery of Long-Island has on hand the sum of $118.56; but no beneficiary under its care.

From a large majority of the Presbyteries, no reports have been received, on this subject. It seems very desirable that all should send up, annually, to the Board an exact account of the number of beneficiaries, the amount of money raised for the general object, and the sum expended in support of candidates in indigent circumstances.

Plan of Co-operation.

We take the liberty of again calling the attention of the churches to the Plan of Co-operation, published in No. 9 of this work, and to be found on page 3 of cover. It is exceedingly desirable that every church in our connection, whether rich or poor, supplied or vacant, should take some part in the inte-

resting design of bringing forward men of talents and piety, to preach the gospel. The demand for Pastors and Missionaries is great and pressing, at home and abroad. Christianity cannot be propagated in foreign lands, or be made to exert its appropriate influence on the growing population of our own country, without a vast increase in the number and assiduous attention to the qualifications of its ministers.

It is clearly the duty of the christian church to see to it, that the Gospel be preached to every creature. She has within her pale, men and means enough to cause the glad tidings of salvation to be sounded out to earth's remotest bounds, in less than half a century from this date. The grand desideratum is, that her resources be drawn forth into action. This must be effected by vigorous and zealous co-operation.

Let every church, then, according to its ability, lend a helping hand in this noble design. We are engaged in a work, which will, we trust, increase and prosper under the smiles of Heaven, till the cheering beams of the sun of righteousness shall gladden all the dark places in this great fallen world.

A small amount from each of our churches, would enable us to afford assistance to every pious aspirant to the sacred office, whose straitened circumstances compel him to ask the patronage of the church.

Extract from a form of Covenant, entered into, by the late Dr. Payson, of Portland, Me., just before his licensure to preach the gospel.

"O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from this body of death? Vain, O Lord, thou knowest, are my endeavours, and vain is the help of man. I have ruined myself, and in thee alone, and in thy mercy, is my hope.

To this mercy, against which I have so often sinned, would I flee for refuge; and laying my hand on my mouth, and my mouth in the dust, cry, Unclean! unclean! True, Lord, I have sinned; but with thee there is mercy, with thee there is plenteous redemption. Thou, art he, who blottest out our iniquities for thine own sake, and wilt not remember our sins against us. The blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin—and to this would I flee for refuge. In him do I put my trust; O let me not be ashamed. Let me plead before thee the merits of thy Son, and put thee in mind of thy gracious promises, that I may be justified. In his name, and as an unworthy member of his mystical body, would I come, and renew before thee that covenant, which I have broken, and bind myself to be thine for ever.—And do thou, for his sake, O God, assist me, for in thee is my strength.

Relying on this strength for support, and confessing myself guilty of all these and innumerable other offences; and that I deserve, in justice, nothing but the lowest hell, and renouncing the destructive ways of sin,—I do, with my whole heart and soul, in a most serious, solemn, and deliberate manner, choose and take the Lord Jehovah to be my God and Father, cheerfully and joyfully renewing all my past engagements; and in humble dependance on his grace, I engage to fear him, and to cleave to him in love. And I do, most freely, give up myself, my interests, for time and eternity, my soul and body, my friends and possessions, and all that I have, to his wise, just, and sovereign disposal. Especially do I devote myself to him in the service of the ministry, beseeching him to place me in that situation, in which I shall most glorify him. And wilt thou, O most gracious and condescending God, accept this offering of thy creature, who can give thee nothing but what he has first received.

With equal joy and readiness, and in the same serious and solemn manner, do I choose and embrace the Lord Jesus Christ to be my only Saviour. I take him in all his offices—as my priest, to make atonement for all my offences—as my prophet, to guide, teach, enlighten, and instruct me—as my king, to rule in and reign over me. I take him, as the great head of influences, from whom alone I can receive all needed supplies of grace and assistance.

I do also take the Holy Spirit of all grace and consolation, to be my Sanctifier, and promise not to grieve him or to slight his warnings.

And, O my God, what shall I more say? What can I ask, since I am thine and thou art mine; mine for time; mine for eternity? O my God, I want nothing, but to be wholly thine. I would plead thy promise for a new heart and a right spirit. O write this covenant on my heart, and put thy fear there, that I may not depart from thee. May I be made an able, faithful, and successful minister of the New Testament. May the life and concerns, which I have now devoted to thee, be employed in thy service; and may I, at length, be brought to the full enjoyment of thee in glory, through infinite riches of redeeming love."

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Education Board in account with John Stille, Treasurer.

1829.	Dr.				
June 6.	To this sum paid by Dr. Ely, and settled in account, viz.				
	Cash sent F. A. W -- , per order,			50 00	
	Do. Rev. Wm. Latta, for a beneficiary,			25 00	
	H. B — , 20; J. S. H — , 25,			45 00	
					120 00
	A counterfeit piece taken at the Tabernacle,				50
29	Dr. Ely's draft favor of A. B. Q — ,				40 00
July 1	Do do. do. W. W — , 25; S. R. B -- , 50,				75 00
18	Do do. do. T. H — ,				45 00
Sept. 23	Check to Dr. Ely, for 2 beneficiaries (per resolve of this day,)				70 00
Oct. 7	Cash paid C. F — , per Dr. Ely's order,				50 00
Nov. 10	Check to S. R. B — , to pay do.				50 00
12	Dr. Alexander, on account of beneficiaries,				400 00
17	Dr. Ely's draft to Rev. Robt. Baird, for T. H — ,				40 00
30	Do do. for appropriations by Executive committee,				175 00
Dec. 3	Do do. S. H——,				50 00
16	Do do. Beneficiaries (remitted Dr. Alexander,)				200 00
24	This sum rec'd from Chambersburg, 30th May last, sent to P. Ludlow, N. Y.,				76 65
1830.					
Jan. 6	Commission paid Jas. Kerr, for collections				4 60
	The following sums paid by Dr. Ely				
	F. A. W—, 50; S. W. C—, 20; I. L—, 25,			95 00	
	S. W. C**, 10; W. S**, 100; C. H**, 1			111 00	
	Mrs. Smiley, pasting and tying pamphlets			2 00	
	Rev. Wm. Latta, for Mr. S**, 31,50; J. B**, 2,			33 50	
					241 50
Feb. 9	Check to Dr. Carnahan, for two students				70 00
17	Do do. Dr. Neill's salary to 31 Dec. 1829				375 00
do. Do	do. H. A**, a student				50 00
19	Do Clark and Raser, for 2000 circulars				15 00
24	Do Dr. Ely, for students in the seminary				600 00
March 7	Do Rev. James Hoge, Ohio, for students				100 00
18	Do Check to Dr. Ely, for sundry appropriations				313 00
April 7	Do Dr. Neill's Salary 375 00; travelling expenses for 6 months, 153 94				528 94
28	Check to Dr. Ely, to pay the following appropriations, viz.				
	S. S. C ... , 45; J. L ... , 25; R. W. L ... , 12; G. M'E ... , 50; C. H ... , 34; R. W. L ... , 5; Jas. M'E ... , 20,				191 00
7	Do C ... , 20; L ... , 25; L ... , 15; G. M'C ... , 50,				110 00
	Balance,				1528 11
					$5519 30
1829.	Cr.				
May 11	By balance due the society				224 81
13	Do. collection at 8th Presbyterian church				25 05
22	Do. do. after Mr. Plumer's discourse				80 76
30	Do. Chambersburg congregation, by Rev. Mr. M'Knight				76 65
June 4	Do. The following receipts from Dr. Ely				
	Rev. John Coulter's congregation			12 00	
	Rehoboth, 2 67, Hugh Kennedy, Hagerstown, 50			52 67	
	Rev. Wm. Finney's cong. Baltimore, Md.,			27 50	
	Presbytery of Northumberland			62 00	
					154 17
July 7	Do. Mr. Kerr's collections				16 00
Sep. 21	Do. Annual subscription of Capt. Wootten				5 00
Do.	do. Sale of a watch, bequeathed by a clergyman				4 14
Oct. 7	Do. George Ralston annual subscription				100 00
10	Do. Subs. in 2d Presb. church from R. Ralston				52 00
Nov. 3	Do. Annual subscriptions, R. Ralston, 100, D. Montgomery, less dis. 99 45				199 55
11	Do do. do. S. Allen, 100, A. Henry, 100,				200 00
Dec. 1	Do. Mr. Page's donation				5 00
3	Do. Cash received from Dr. Neill, Agent			200 00	
4	Do. do. do			150 16	
					350 16
14	Do. do. Jas. Renfrew, Ohio, by Dr. Green				20 00
16	Do. do. Dr. Janeway's annual subscription				100 00
24	Do. Donation from E. P., of Dr. Cathcart's congregation				5 00
Do.	do. Annual subscription of Horace Pratt, Darien, Georgia				100 00
1830.					
Jan. 6.	Do. Annual subscription 6, Wm. Brown, 100				106 00
Do.	do. Donation of Hon. Walter Lowrie				25 00

	The following sums from Dr. Ely, in account, viz.			
Jan. 6	Rev. N. R. Morgan, 1 25 Catholic, 1, R. Steele 5		7 25	
	Margaret Carswell. 45, Dr. Cathcart's church, 10		55 00	
	Rev. B. Hoff, 9, 3d Presbyterian ch. 65 96, Bridgeton, 29 35		104 31	
	Dr. Ely, on account of his subscription		74 94	
				241 50
16	Do. Balance of Wm. J. Williams, subscription			20 00
18	Do. Rev. Joseph Sandford's, subscription for 1829			25 00
21	Do. 2d Presbyterian church, from Mr. Ralston			10 00
22	Do. do. do. N. Fowle			5 00
Feb. 3	Do. Miss M'Ferran, annual subscription			2 00
6	Do Donation from Miss O. Sproat			10 00
17	do. Collections by Rev. Dr. Neill,			190 00
Do.	do. A donation from Tuscumbia, Alabama			2 00
24	Do. Collections from Rev. Dr. Neill			200 00
27	Do. Life subscriptions of Dr. Alex. Stewart, 10, H. R. Wilson, 10,		20 00	
	Rebecca King, 5, David M'Clure, of Shippensburg, Pa., 5		10 00	
				30 00
March 10	Do Collection from Rev. M. L. Fullerton's cong. Hagerstown			15 50
18	Do. A friend from Greencastle, 17 56, Aux. Ed. soc'y of 2d ch. 37 56			65 12
29	Do. Donation from a member of the Missionary Board			4 50
Apr. 5	Do Aux. society of 1st Presb. church by Miss Brown			46 00
6	Cash from Dr. Neill, Agent			793 38
7	Do Collection at 6th Presbyterian church			8 56
22	Do. do. Pittsfield church, N. Jersey, by Mr. Janvier			5 75
23	Do. do. Greenwich church do do Mr. Lawrence			2 75
26	Do do Rev. Charles Avery, New York			0 50
28	Do Rockland church 5, Deerfield, 4, Hanover Pa., 2 50			11 50
Do	do Phebean Society of 6th Presbyterian church			40 00
Do	do Donation from Robert Gilmore, Baltimore			25 00
29	Do Dr. Neill, 7th church, 39 33, 8th do 110 62, Princeton ch. 13 50			163 45
May 5	Do Female aux. soc'y. of 2nd church			42 50
do	do John Stille annual subscription			100 00
				$5519 30
	Due the Board			1528 11

Philadelphia, May 11, 1830.—Errors excepted,

JOHN STILLE, *Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS FOR MAY 1830.

1830			
May 11	By balance due the society		1528 11
14	By Lockwood D. Forest, N. Y., 15, Fiskhill cong. N. Y. 15 71,		30 71
	By Donation from Rev. Simon Hosach, Johnstown N. Y.,		60 00
do	By Rev. Dr. Neill, his collections as agent		
	6th church Philadelphia, additional	67 00	
	2d church Albany, previously omitted	20 00	
	An annual subscriber in church at Carlisle	1 40	
	do do Georgetown district Columbia	2 00	
	Domestic and Foreign Missionary society of Ladies in Philadelphia, by Miss Mary M'Culloch	51 00	
	William Ramsey, Carlisle, 10, a gentleman of New Orleans, 4	14 00	
	A. F., of 3d church Philadelphia	5 00	
	Members of church in Carlisle Pennsylvania	55 00	
	Do Silver Spring, do	10 50	
	Anonymous donors	16 87	
	1st Presbyterian cong. Newburyport, by Rev. J. Proudfit	80 00	
	Church of Pisgah, Ky., by Dr. Blythe	16 00	
	Two members of First church Philadelphia, 20 each	40 00	
			400 62
			$2010 44

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PLAN OF CO-OPERATION.

1. Let every Presbytery declare itself auxiliary to the Assembly's Board in this matter, and appoint an executive committee, whose duties shall be to notice, examine, and recommend young men, who may be deemed proper subjects;—to devise, and publish, and carry into effect, measures to raise the means of assisting them;—and to make a full report of their transactions to Presbytery, at its stated meetings, and to this Board once every three months.

2. Let the Church Sessions take this business up in earnest;—let there be a subscription opened, in every congregation, and let the members be requested to contribute annually, fifty cents or more, for the purpose contemplated, on or before the first day of April, payable to the Treasurer of Presbytery.

3. Let an appropriate discourse be delivered once a year, in every pulpit, whether vacant or supplied; and the yearly contribution be called for, either immediately at the close of public worship, or as soon as possible, by collectors appointed by the Session.

4. In some congregations it may be deemed expedient to form an Education Society, though we suppose, that in general, the business can be done as well and with more ease through the church session; provided the pastor and elders take an interest in the subject. The churches, in and near the city of Philadelphia, where the Board and its Executive Committee hold their meetings, may prefer being immediately auxiliary to the Board: to this we see no reasonable objection.

5. In regard to the controul of the funds. The constitution of the Board gives to every Presbytery, and to every auxiliary society, properly constituted, the right to supply the wants of its own incumbents, out of the means raised within its limits, the surplus to be forwarded to the Board. This is as it should be; but let it be well noted, that, if every Presbytery, and every auxiliary contents itself with raising just money enough to supply the wants of its immediate dependents, it will be impossible for the Board to answer the purpose for which it was instituted. We hope, therefore, that Presbyteries will not graduate their efforts by the number and necessities of their own candidates. On this principle there could be no "equality." The whole church is distributed in Presbyteries; and what is the Board of Education, but the creature of the Presbyteries, through whose agency the wants of the weak may be met and relieved, by the energies and offerings of the strong?

Should the foregoing plan be adopted generally, and carried into effect with vigour and zeal, we have no fears as to the success and usefulness of the Board

PLAN

For rendering Sessions Auxiliary Societies to the General Assembly's Board of Missions.

It is believed, after much reflection, that Sessions may become the best auxiliary Missionary Societies that can exist n the Presbyterian Church—that they are more happily adapted to this purpose than any other associations that can be devised, and may supersede the necessity of any other. Sessions are already formed, and must be continued as an essential part in the order and government of the Presbyterian Church; and by their taking an agency in missionary affairs, the church will act *directly by her own officers*, which is the most proper and desirable mode of action, in every thing in which the church is concerned. By Sessions assuming the form of Missionary Societies, all the rouble and all the expense of forming ther Missionary associations will be aved; and at the same time Missionary bodies will become more numerous, and more extensively and generally influential, throughout the whole Presbyterian population, than they can ever be otherwise rendered. Missionary operations will in this way be more intimately brought home, as they need to be, to every congregation and to every individual in it, as a concern of their own: and when the people see their own representatives, men of their own choice, and in whom they have confidence, managing and superintending this business, they will be likely to contribute more willingly, generally, and liberally, than they would otherwise do. If in some places it should be considered necessary or expedient, that an individual or two, without becoming regular members of Session, should be joined with it for the special purpose of conducting missionary business, there could be no objection to such a measure.

Auxiliary societies in missionary operations are always chiefly employed in collecting funds for the use of a parent society, or missionary board, by which missions are planned and Missionaries selected and sent forth. Now the Supreme Judicatory of the Presbyterian church have appointed a Missionary

Board, the funds of which may easily and most effectually be aided by Sessions in the following ways.

1. It has been proposed by the Board to endeavour to obtain a voluntary subscription of 50 cents annually, from each communicating member in the Presbyterian Churches; and from all non-communicating members in every congregation, who may be willing to make such a contribution. On the funds to be derived from this measure much reliance is placed; and to execute this measure the Session of each congregation is manifestly the natural and proper organ. Let the Session point out the most proper and practicable method of obtaining subscribers; let them appoint a treasurer (one of their own number or any other suitable person) to receive all monies collected in the congregation, and forward them as speedily as practicable to the treasurer of the Board of Missions; let a particular day in the year—say Christmas or New Year's day—be appointed on or before which the 50 cent contribution should be paid; and when the appointed day is near at hand, let the pastor be requested to remind the people from the pulpit of their engagements, and say something calculated to excite and cherish among them a missionary spirit; let some suitable person be appointed to call on those who may not have deposited their subscriptions on or before the appointed day, to collect and deliver them to the treasurer; let an accurate list be kept of all subscribers, and let their number of subscribers be annually forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

2. The Session may promote the keeping of mission boxes in the houses of those who are friendly to the Missionary cause, the contents of which may occasionally be deposited with the treasurer of the Session.

3. The Session may take order that collections for the support of Missions be taken up at the Monthly Concerts for prayer, and appropriate the sums collected in such manner as they may judge to be most equitable: and at these concerts information may be given, as indeed it ought to be given, to the people relative to Missionary concerns, and their minds stirred up to pray for and contribute to the support of the Missionary cause.

4. The members of Session can also receive and in a proper way solicit donations of a larger amount than the annual 50 or 25 cent contribution from those who may be able and willing to make such donations: and if any of the members are acquainted with individuals likely to favour the Missionary cause by testamentary bequests, they may in a discreet and delicate manner remind such individuals of the importance of aiding in sending the gospel to the heathen and to the destitute in our own land.

The foregoing presents a simple plan, of easy execution; and if it be followed up with spirit the whole Presbyterian church may in a few years be, as it is most desirable that it should be, actively engaged in missionary operations. But to produce this effect the Sessions must make and continue some active exertions. Now as *personal responsibility* affords the best security for a careful and persevering attention to any business, especially if it be of a public nature, it may be well that each Session should fix on *some individual*, who may attend to the collection of their Missionary funds, and be charged with superintending the whole concern in the congregation. If this office be found burdensome, it may be, after a fixed period, passed from one individual to another. It may also be well if the Session should make it a standing rule to have two meetings at least in a year expressly for the purpose of attending to Missionary concerns. As the minister of every congregation is always the Moderator of its Session, much—very much—will depend on his taking the lead, cordially co-operating, and discreetly and zealously urging forward an attention to Missionary concerns, both in the Session, and generally among the people of his charge: and it is hoped that no minister in the Presbyterian church will refuse his aid, in a matter of such high importance to the Christian church and the salvation of immortal souls as the sending of the gospel to those who are perishing in ignorance & sin.

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BOARD OF MISSIONS.

We would remind our readers, that the present number completes the first volume of this work, and that the terms of the publication are, *fifty cents a year in advance.* A considerable number of our subscribers have not yet remitted the amount due, on account, as we suppose, of the inconvenience of forwarding so small a sum by mail. The first number of our second volume will be issued in September, when we shall expect to receive the amount due for the current year, together with the advance required for the next. The price of this work is so extremely low, that it cannot be sustained without *punctuality* on the part of our patrons; and yet, with our present number of subscribers, if all should be prompt in their payments, a considerable sum would be left, after defraying the expenses of the publication, to be appropriated to general Missionary purposes. The funds of the Board of Missions have not only been entirely exhausted, but, to enable them to meet their engagements, they have been obliged already to borrow money to the amount of *two thousand dollars.* In the mean time the number of their Missionaries has been rapidly increasing—since the last annual report was laid before the Assembly 40 new Missionaries have been appointed, and 14 commissions have been renewed, and in the course of the next three months, we have reason to believe, that a larger number of appointments will be solicited by men who have a heart for the Missionary work.

Subscribers to this work, Auxiliary Societies, and individual patrons of the Board, who have funds in possession, designed for their use, would confer a special favor on the Board, and greatly encourage them in their labours, if they would forward such funds without delay, to our Treasurer.

It is a fact, worthy of the serious attention of all friends of Domestic Missions, and encouraging, especially to those in the Southwest, who have long been importunate for Missionaries, that the Board of the General Assembly have now at command *more men than money!* Nearly 30 young men in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, have expressed a willingness to enter upon missionary labors early in the approaching autumn, and a number more from other quarters have offered their services to the Board. And now that their sympathies have been awakened, their resolutions formed, their services proffered, shall we tell them to stay at home, because the churches are unwilling to provide for their necessities! We dare not withhold from such men the commissions required, and the scanty appropriations which we are accustomed to make of $100 a year, to aid in their support. The prayers of the pious, and the cries of the needy impel us onward, and we now appeal to all who love the cause of Christ and Domestic Missions, for *pecuniary aid.*

PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER, N. Y.

The last stated meeting of this Presbytery was held at Scottsville, on the 29th of June. The Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions attended, and laid before them a detailed statement of the plan and operations of the Board, which was received with interest—and the Presbytery adopted, with great unanimity, the plan of Correspondence recommended to Presbyteries in the last annual report of the Board. The Corresponding Executive Committee for the current year, consist of the Rev. Joseph Penny, Chauncey Cook, Abner Benedict, and George G. Sill, and Messrs. H. B. Pierpont, and Enos Pomeroy.

After the meeting of this Presbytery, the Secretary visited a number of the most important towns in the Western part of the State, and formed large Auxiliaries to the Board, in the three Churches of Rochester, in Buffalo, Lockport, and Palmyra.—He collected $136.50, and received pledges from congregations and individuals, to the amount of 7, or $800 a year. A number of congregations were also visited by Mr. Wm. C. Anderson, agent of the Board. A more detailed account of the proceedings of the Rochester Presbytery, and other movements in the state of New York, in favor of the Board of Missions, may be expected in a future number of the Reporter.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

The second volume of this work will be commenced early in September, with some alterations in the plan, which, it is hoped, will render the Reporter more interesting and useful for monthly concerts.

If any persons wish this paper to be discontinued, they will give us notice before the 1st of September, otherwise they will be considered as subscribers to the second volume.

Agents are requested, without delay, to send in the names of new subscribers.

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

Report from Rev. J. Eaton, Coniautee, Pa.

I have preached statedly in this congregation the one fourth of my time for one year, beginning the first of July 1829. The usual exercises have been two sermons on the Sabbath, attending the Sabbath school and a Bible class. The Sabbath school was continued through the winter, and was generally well attended; some of the classes recite the assembly's shorter catechism; the Bible classembraces all the Sunday school teachers, and most of the adults in the congregation; with this class I spend a considerable part of my time, and view it the most interesting, and perhaps the most beneficial part of my labours. We have used the Union questions in this class—some had been leaning to the christians, some to the methodists, and others have no fixed system—but I believe the congregation may be considered as well established in *Presbyterianism*, I mean, in the great truths of the Bible. None were received to the communion, one applied but his admission was delayed—another entertains a hope, but did not apply, and a third under anxious distress for her soul—three infants baptized—a temperance society was organized last spring, most of the male members of the congregation, with some others united with it—had to travel 18 miles over bad roads to the place of preaching.

I have visited and supplied the destitute families (about 45,) in Coniautee township, with Bibles, and left one or two Tracts in each house, found one family with neither Bible, Testament, Spelling book, newspaper, or a single word in print in the house, and had been living in a family capacity, 5 or 6 years.

MISSOURI.

Report of Mr. John Cowan, Cape Girardeau county.

Since my return I have preached 29 times, administered the Lord's Supper twice, baptized 9 children, the offspring of professors, *and the only kind of children that are admitted to the ordinance with us;* and I also visited 50 families. The preaching of the word (for our country,) is numerously attended, and with increasing seriousness. At our communion in the Apple-creek church, 16 were added—5 on examination, and 11 on certificate. One of the individuals admitted on examination, was a widow lady, bordering on 90 years of age. To the Brazeau church 6 were added—4 on certificate and 2 on examination. Our communion seasons were very interesting and I humbly hope profitable. It was truly gratifying to see the table of Jesus in the wilderness surrounded by a hundred disciples and 4 times that number of serious spectators; and in a part of the wilderness too, where, but a few years since, *the white man* was almost a stranger. On one occasion lately, I preached on the very spot occupied 8 years ago by the Shawnee Indians, as a dancing ground, and in a school-house, erected on this scene of heathen riot, a flourishing Sunday school

has been established. This leads me to remark that we have a Sunday School Union in Apple-creek congregation, connected with which are 4 schools. Three of these schools belong entirely to our congregation, and the 4th, is conducted in part, by members of our church. On last Sabbath, we had a public examination at the church. Our three schools were well represented. I examined the scholars two hours in the presence of a large and much interested audience, on the "Union Questions." This was something new, and from the interest manifested by the Assembly, will I think, be very salutary in its effects. In Brazeau congregation we have commenced two schools, and have sent for $15 worth of books. These schools I have no doubt will do well. At Cape Girardeau I organized another school about three weeks since. For this school a supply of books, amounting to about $20 was immediately sent for and obtained. At this latter place I have preached a few times, and intend to visit them once a month in future. In the seven schools mentioned we will have about $50 worth of books. Who can tell the amount of good that will result to the children and parents from the diffusion of so much moral and religious instruction? The *Union Questions* are producing the happiest results. They are exciting the children, young men and maidens, and the old men and matrons to "*Search the scriptures.*"

In addition to the preached word—Sunday schools—and Sunday school books—we have used and are still using other means. We have scattered about $20 worth of tracts through our region of country; and at the last meeting of our Tract Society we past a resolution to supply every family monthly with a tract, within our bounds. The monthly concert for prayer has been attended to in Apple-creek church on the two last occasions. I read the excellent letter of the General Assembly on the subject of the Concert to my people, the first monday in this month, it was listened to with interest. Our female prayer meeting is still attended to. In the temperance cause, I have done nothing more as yet than feel my way. It is a cause however which has my heart, and as soon as prudence will admit, I will attempt the formation of a Society. I brought a number of "*Beecher*" with me—at present I have them engaged in conversing with the people on the subject. Kittridge and others, also hold occasional conferences with the people on the subject.

We are about commencing new houses of worship in both congregations. These objects will make a heavy demand upon our scanty means. The people however have the *mind* and the houses will go up.

ILLINOIS.

Report of Mr. Isaac Bennett, Carmi, White county.

The same plan of labour which was at first adopted and formerly described, I am still pursuing without any material variation, excepting only that I have introduced a system of catechetical instruction into several of these little churches; in a majority of which, the almost entire want of Confessions of Faith or Catechisms, rendered it impracticable, until some benevolent institutions of Pittsburg, in compliance with my solicitations generally presented me 100 copies of the W. A. S. catechism, with which I have been enabled to furnish the most of my bounds with a liberal supply. Encouraged by this kind and timely providence, and led by the necessity, which I saw for this mode of instruction in the fundamental doctrines of the gospel among a people, who had been most of their lives in a great measure destitute of its public ordinances, I have formed the plan of spending, in each of my monthly visits to these scattered churches, a portion of time either after sermons or in their intervals, with the young people in hearing them recite and in explaining the catechism. Having in several instances already put this plan into practice, I have found it to be a delightful employment, and one, which will, I doubt not, with the blessing of God, be profitable to this people; especially as it excites an interest among them, and sets them to studying and thinking during my absence.

In conversing from house to house, since my last returns, I have met with several more among the anxious who are beginning to indulge a hope in the vicarious righteousness and death of a divine Redeemer. I have seen several more, of whom I cannot but hope that they have been savingly enlightened by the Holy Spirit, though they seem afraid to indulge any hope themselves, because they have such humiliating views of their own unworthiness and of the dreadful depravity of their hearts, that it appears difficult to persuade them that there is a sufficiency for their salvation, even in all the infinite fulness and freeness of gospel grace,

flowing through the merits of a Saviour.

I have also found several others in one of the little churches, who had been awakened when brother S. labored here, or else long before, when in their native countries, and have ever since been labouring under a kind of lingering conviction, which now appears to be in some degree renewed, and mingled with a glimmering *comfortless* hope, with whom I have found it extremely difficult to deal. There yet remains a number of new cases of conviction, or of awakenings, and a number more who are labouring under some serious impressions, in the different par s of my *too* extensive bounds. Thus the Lord is still giving us *some* reason for gratitude, which I see abundant cause to mingle with grief that I have been no more faithful to a gracious Master, who condescends in any degree to own my poor labours.

I am still prosecuting the tract cause, in which no little encouragement and advice were rendered me by an agent of the A. T. S. who, passing this way, favoured me with a visit. We have now 6 societies organized, and made auxiliary to the Illinois and Missouri Branch, within my bounds; and 4 Sabbath schools now in operation; two of which seem to have received a new impulse from a supply of books which arrived here in May—the arrival of which rejoiced our hearts, because simultaneously with the arrival of the Sabbath school books to the amount of $13.50, 12,000 pages of Tracts, 100 Catechisms, together with, I think, about 300 Bibles and Testaments, which were ordered on by our county society, poured into Carmi.

In the month of May, which (containing five Sabbaths) afforded me a recess of one week from my circle of appointments, in compliance with a solicitation which long since came to me, I took a tour to the Hickapoo region; a frontier settlement on the Embarrass river, about 130 miles north of this place. This is a little band of Presbyterians, consisting of about 20 communicants with their families, who had emigrated from the South, and never since been visited by a Presbyterian preacher; but now wished to be organized into a church, with the hope of obtaining some supplies. A people more craving to hear the Gospel, I know not that I have ever seen. I remained with them three days—preached five times—organized them into a Tract Society—afforded them immediately a partial supply from the Tracts that I carried with me—and furnished them with a number of Catechisms; and then returned, promising to send them a preacher, who would organize them—which brother S. has engaged to do next month. The principal discouragements that I have met since my last, have been a decrease in our assemblies, and my inability to meet the appointments. The former arose from the shortness of the evenings, and from the multiplicity of business which the season brought upon the farmers in the day time. And the latter was occasioned, by the high water, which obstructed the way, (for we have but few bridges here) to a number of my appointments; and by my own bodily indisposition, which arose from the excessive heat and fatigue, and which much disqualified me for fulfilling these appointments, which I have since met. And I fear that my strength will utterly fail, amidst the heat and fatigue of this and the following month, unless I curtail my field, which I cannot do but with grief, until more labourers arrive. And, as I before hinted, the brethren of Carmi and Sharon, are making arrangements to locate a minister. But I cannot think it the duty of any preacher to settle in this field, until two more can be obtained, for such a measure would leave several infant churches entirely destitute. And to avoid this, I opened a correspondence with two young ministers in the east, whom I hope and pray that the Lord will incline to come here, and also open their way.

The following is the sum of my labour since the last report. Travelled 934 miles—preached 83 times—assisted brother S., at a communion season—attended the Monthly Concert 3 times—met different catechetical classes 6 times—made 42 family visits—formed 1 Sabbath school, and 3 Tract Societies.

Ohio.

An anecdote related by a Missionary in Ohio.

Not long since in a certain part of this country, while on my way to preaching, I stopped at the house of one of my Parishioners, and there came in a little girl, who lived in the neighborhood, and with whom the following conversation took place.

Will you tell me how old you are? I don't know rightly "said she," I believe I am going on twelve. Can you read? "A little in the spelling book." Can you tell me how many days there are in a week? "Six." Do you know

who made the world? the sun and moon and stars, and all things we see about us?—trees and fields; "No." Why my little girl think a minute, don't you know—don't you remember who it is, that made us, and made the world? "No I can't tell." Do you know, who the Saviour of sinners is? "No." Now let me ask, how much more of the principles of christianity, did this person know, than the unenlightened Chinese, or the untaught Hottentot? And if the word of revelation contains truth important to the welfare of all mankind, how urgent and pressing are the demands for diligence and activity, that such deplorable cases of heathenish ignorance, may be lessened. May the Lord bless the labors of your Missionaries, and speedily diffuse the knowledge of the truth throughout the world.

Pennsylvania.

Report of Mr. James Lewars, Berwick, Pennsylvania.

Since honored with a commission from the Board of Missions, to labour for the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, in Berwick, Conyngham town and their vicinities, I have endeavored to pursue the course laid down in their instructions. This part of the country is one which should particularly recommend itself to the notice and guardianship of those to whom God has intrusted the interests of his cause on earth. Long neglect before my arrival here, had suffered the walls of Zion to be dilapidated, the people had become disused to church-going, and it required a loud and long continued blast of the Gospel trumpet, to awake them to a sense of the importance of religion and bring them statedly to worship in the sanctuary of the Lord. For such a task requiring so much effort, I am afraid I was not so well calculated as many of the heralds of the Cross would have been. Young—a foreigner, and therefore somewhat unacquainted with the manners and customs of the country, I had much to learn, before I could serve under the banner of the Cross, with that effect which men, older, more experienced men, who had acquired more knowledge of human nature, might have done. Yet looking for assistance and direction from above, I have ventured to make this the field of my first essay, and, though I fear with a feeble hand, to build up the long prostrate walls of our Zion in this place. I have had much to contend with. Sectarian jealousy frowned upon my exertions on the one hand, ignorance presented its dull unmoving point on the other; and vice unfurled its banner between. Notwithstanding these obstructions, and discouragements, I imagine that I see order arising out of chaos here. The people appear to manifest a greater desire to hear the Gospel than formerly, and I begin to hope that their hearts are getting more softened to receive the impress of piety.

There are three stations at which I regularly preach; Summerhill, Berwick, and Conyngham. At Salem, about seven miles from this place, I preach occasionally. At Nescopeck, a little village beyond the river, opposite to Berwick, I had been in the habit of holding evening meeting, where each time a sermon was delivered. I intend to recommence them next week. I preach three times each week. My travelling, as the farthest of my congregations is but eleven miles from this, is not considerable. Since I have been commissioned by the Board, four members have been admitted into the church at Conyngham town, and in that village amidst the most general and decided opposition, a Temperance Society consisting of a small number of members has been formed. A Sabbath School is established there, and increasing rapidly.

Report of Mr. M. B. Patterson, Columbia county, Pa.

Although this appeared at first to be a very barren soil to work upon, yet I am not altogether without reasons to encourage me in the review of my labours, from the belief that God has owned and blessed my endeavours. The plain truth has been instrumental in the divine hand, of effecting some good already, and has laid a foundation for more in time to come.

A few weeks ago, the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered in Bloomsburgh—when the members from both churches attended. There were three received into the communion of the church, for the first time, on profession of their faith. There were others who conversed with the Saviour, but did not see their way clear to come forward at that time. Hence I take encouragement that my labour has not been altogether in vain in the Lord. Since my last report, we have commenced two Sabbath schools; both are in the bounds of the Bear-creek congregation. From one of these I expect much. The teachers are persons of piety and prayer, who have entered into the work with spirit, and a desire to

build up the desolations of Zion in this place—where the church has become waste by neglect to the young.

This School has purchased a library worth $6, and it numbers from 40, to 50 scholars.

The other School is not so promising, as there is but little piety among the teachers. Yet there is an interest taken in it, from which we hope some good will result.

Attendance on the public worship of God, has increased in all the places where I preach. In Bloomsburgh, where once there was a large congregation, the people had of late years almost deserted the house of God—but they are now returning and taking their pews again.

In another place where I preach in a School house, the room is entirely too small to accommodate the people. They are desirous of erecting a new building, but as the families who would have to bear the expense are few, they do not think themselves able to build such a house as the increasing state of the country will soon require.

The moral aspect of this country is more pleasing than it was some time ago; open vice is ashamed, and is beginning to hide its head. The rapid progress of Intemperance is checked in some degree, from presenting its vice and misery from the pulpit, and from circulating addresses on the subject, the people are beginning to think of its complicated evils, and many would be willing to banish it from their dwellings were it not for the power of habit. I have not yet prevailed with any to set their faces against the use of it, by subscribing their names to total abstinence. The habit of drinking a little in hay time and harvest, is difficult to be broken, though many plead for it who abstain from the use of it all the rest of the year. Still I hope that the truth will break through every barrier, and banish the monster from our country. May the Lord hasten the time.

When I survey the mass of ignorance and iniquity that surrounds me, I am often grieved to see the little impression that a single individual can make on it; and were it not the Almighty's cause, I should be entirely discouraged. But my hope of success is in that Being, who has promised that he will have every knee to bow, and every tongue confess.

Tennessee.

Report of Mr. A. B. Lawrence, Lebanon, Wilson co. Tenn., June 9, 1830.

Early in this month, I instituted a Bible class, though I have been able to obtain not more than twelve regular attendants. With the exception of half the Sabbaths, I continued my labours here, (Fall Creek,) as usual. Though I had no place of preaching except the Court house, which was very open, the windows being much shattered, and some entirely out, and the house badly supplied with seats. Though my congregations had in some measure declined, they were still equally numerous with those at the church, and I was encouraged to persevere. A few brethren and sisters, having removed to this place and vicinity, they with those before residing here, desired to be united in an ecclesiastical capacity. I therefore appointed the last Saturday and Sabbath of January, a two day's meeting, and with the assistance of brethren, B——, and H——, of Gallatin, organized a church of 12 members and two elders. About a week previous to this meeting, I was seized with a cold, which disabled me even from performing family prayer. My health became exceedingly impaired, and an able physician directed me to forbear any attempt to preach, and to avoid being out at night. However, I did occasionally visit, and endeavour to whisper the Gospel at the fire-side. By this I was prevented from preaching till the last Sabbath in March, when I resumed my labours in their various forms, though contrary to the advice of the friendly physician. The Sabbaths not embraced in my labours here, and at Fall creek, have been spent among destitute congregations, or assisting brethren at sacraments. I have since the last Sabbath in March, continued my labours here at Fall creek regularly, preaching two or three times on the Sabbath, and from once to three times in the week. Some hopeful appearances of seriousness, and two cases of apparent conversion have occurred. It was intended to celebrate the Lord's supper in this place, on the first Sabbath in this month; but the state of my health, and the exceedingly inclement state of the weather prevented it. I propose to appoint a sacrament in a few weeks, when I hope to have the assistance of Dr. B——, of Ky., with other brethren. We already have some prospect of pleasing additions to this little church, and hope that the Divine Spirit, will grant us still more. You perceive that I can give you no flattering account of the prospect in this place. Would to God that I might see an ex-

hibition of the grace of God, and many souls born into his blessed kingdom.

I have not kept an exact account of the family visits, which I have made, but am able to state generally, that several have been made every week, except about three weeks of my ill health. Some of these have been to the houses of the sick and dying, or the place of mourning, because their dear ones are not. These scenes I have endeavored to improve, and have often witnessed the silent tear, testifying that nature at least, if not the spirit, could make them feel. Some have been where souls were anxiously seeking some one to show them any good. Some have been to the dwellings of the godly, and been as it were a feasting of soul, in which pious breath and a savour of prayer rendered sweetness sweeter still. Let me conclude by entreating the prayers of the Board for this little plant of Zion.

I subjoin a summary of my labours, which though performed in much meekness, and sometimes with despondency of heart, will I hope, be approved by the Board.

I have travelled since Nov. 1st, going and returning, 509 miles. Preached eighty sermons, besides various addresses, exhortations, &c.

Assisted in organizing one Sabbath school in a neighbouring town.

Incipient steps are preparing for the formation of a Temperance Society, I preached once on the subject.

One church has been organized.

In all, I have attended four sacraments, at as many different churches. Not having received ordination, I have no baptisms to record.

Kentucky.

Report of the Rev. R. A. Lapsley, Livingston and Caldwell Counties, Ky.

There is Presbyterian ground enough within these two counties, to occupy the whole time of two men of the most laborious habits. There are two churches 10 miles apart, one in each county; that in Caldwell, in the bounds of which I reside, has 50 members, and from 200 to 300 hearers, and at this time promises to be a fruitful field. That in Livingston county, has 62 members, and from 300 to 400 regular hearers, most of whom are the children of the church, and therefore, are to us the most promising class of hearers. My regular appointments for Sabbath preaching are in these churches alternately—beside these, there are other places of occasional preaching, which might be with propriety occupied regularly, if I had time and health sufficient.

We have within our bounds a Bible Society, which enters into the resolutions of the Parent Society with spirit, and will I have no doubt, complete the supply of Caldwell and Livingston counties, by the first of May 1831. We also have 2 Societies for the promotion of Temperance. This cause is manifestly gaining ground, and we feel deep interest in its success, for on it (under God,) depends the preservation of this *great Republic*. The members of the church at Livingston, take an interest in the Sabbath school established among them. The School consists of about 50 scholars, and promises to do good. We rejoice to read the resolution of the A. S. S. Union, on the subject of Sabbath schools in the valley of the Mississippi. Since the first of April, I have visited Clarkesville, Hopkinsville, Salem, Princeton, and Eddyville; have rode 451 miles; attended the administration of the Lord's supper 5 times; made 46 addresses to assemblies; preached on the Sabbath once or twice; and through the week as frequently as my health would permit; and have spent a considerable portion of time in visiting. I regret that I have not health sufficient to preach every day, but am cheered with the hope, that what little I am able to do, will not be in vain. I have received 3 members; baptized 3 infants; and have reason to hope, there are more anxious inquirers.

MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS.

Rev. J. Burbank, for 4 months to North Parma and Gates, Presbytery of Rochester, New York.

Mr. Geo. W. Kennedy, for 1 year to Towanda and vicinity, Bradford co. Pa.

Mr. J. C. Watson, for 3 months Lower Bethel congregation and vicinity, Northampton co. Pa.

Rev. J. Pitkin, for 1 year to Irville and Muskingam congregations and vicinity, Crawford co. Ohio.

Rev. S. Hodge, for 6 months to New Shiloh congregation, Gibson co. Tenn.

Re-appointments.

Mr. A. Gilchrist, for 2 months to Margaretta, Wrightsville and Charleston, Lancaster co. Pa.

Rev. D. C. Allen, for 1 year to Marysville and vicinity, Ohio.

Rev. Joshua Moore, for 1 year, from 1st January, to Church Hill, Greensboro' and Mispilion, Maryland.

Mr. J. D. Stevens, for 1 year to take charge of a school for the instruction of Indian children, on Magdalen Island, near the head of Lake Superior.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

New Jersey.—Salem.

Kentucky.----New Castle.

Pennsylvania.—Pequea, Leacock, Middle Octorara, Marietta, Lancaster, Mount Pleasant, Crab Apple, Ridge, Cadiz, St. Clairsville, Morristown.

Ohio.—Springfield, Pleasant Hill, Hopewell, Bucyrus, Lower Springfield, Upper do. Hillsboro.—Total, 349.

LIST OF LETTERS.

J. Culbertson, Ohio; J. D. Wright, Tenn.; J. W. Woodward, N. Y.; C. Riggs, and J. Coulter, Pa.; W. Hughes, Ohio; J. Wolff, Ohio; L. B. Sullivan N. Y.; W. Fowler, N. Y.; P. Smith, N. Y.; A. O. Hubbard, Pa.; G. Colton, N. Y.; J. B. McCreary, Pa.; W. Bacon, Pa.; S. King, Pa.; T. Gallaudet, Va., 2; A. Y. Lockridge, N. J., 2; A. Coe, Michigan Ter.; J. Paine, Va.; I. Oakes, N. Y.; D. C. Allen, Ohio, 2; Rev. Messrs. Laird, Campbell, and Moore, Md.; J. Lewars, Pa.; H. Van Deman, Ohio; S. Van Rensalear, N. Y.; S. R. Jones, Pa.; R. Rutherford, Ohio; J. Gray, Pa.; W. Andrews, Ohio; D. R. Preston, Va.; M. B. Patterson, Pa.; J. Eaton, Pa.; A. Gilchrist, Pa.; J. Nourse, D. C.; S. N. Rowan, D. D. and R. McCartee, N. Y.; G. Bourne, N. Y.; J. R. Bain, Tenn.; P. Donan, Pa.; N. Murray, Pa.; R. A. Lapsley, Ky., J. Blythe, Ky.; R. Beall, Ohio; D. McIntyre, N. C.; W. Wright, N. Y.; S. B. Wilson, Va.; J. A. Whyte, Ky.; G. W. Ashbridge, Ala.; T. Barr, Ohio; G. Fitter, Ky.; P. Hassinger, Pa.; S. B. Robertson, Ky.; G. Morrison, Md.; D. Nelson, Tenn.; I. Bennett, Illinois; J. F. Cowan, Missouri; G. G. Sill, New York; S. K. Sneed, Ky.; S. L. Caldwell, Ala.; J. S. Galloway, Pa.; D. A. Sayre, Ky.; W. Carlisle, S. C.; A. D. Eddy, N. Y.; J. T. Ewing, Georgia; R. G. Lynn, Ohio; L. McLeod, Tenn.; J. Foster, Mississippi.

Account of cash received by the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, during the month of July, 1830.

Braintrim, Pa. Donation from Mr. Northrop,		$0 50
Brownsville, Pa. Col. in Presb. cong. for 1829, per J. T. McKinnan,	15 25	
Do. do. do. do. for 1830, do. do.	15 00	
		30 25
Cape May, N. J. Col. in Cold Spring ch. per Mr. Stiles,		8 37
Chillisquaque, Pa. Col. in cong. per Rev. J. Montgomery,	18 00	
Do. do. From Female Missionary Society, do.	10 00	
		28 00
Crab Apple, Ohio, from auxiliary society, per Wm. McMillan, Esq.		11 00
Cash from Rev. B. B———,		10 00
Chambersburg, Pa. annual col. from Female Missionary soc. per Mrs. Alice Chambers,		25 50
Cyntheana, Ky. From aux. society, per D. Sayre, Esq.		3 50
Derry, Pa. Col. in cong. per Rev. J. Montgomery,		14 62
Dunlap Creek, Pa. do. do. for 1829, per J. McKinnan, Esq.	11 68	
Do. do. do. for 1830, per do.	3 75	
		15 43
Fairview, Pa. From aux. soc. per Rev. J. Eaton,		15 00
Hanover, N. J. From K. R., M. Y., and G. G., 1 dollar each, per Rev. Dr. Green,		3 00
Lycoming, Pa. Col. in cong. per J. Montgomery,		10 00
Mahoming, do. Col. in congregation per J. Montgomery,		33 68
Meadville, do. do. do. per Rev. Mr. Bushnell,		21 14
Mulberry, Ky. From auxiliary society, per J. Venable,		12 25
New Hartford, Ohio, Donation from Rev. B. Baldwin,		5 00
New Providence, Ky. From auxiliary society, per D. A. Brewer,		18 50
Philadelphia, Donation from Mr. Wm. F. Geddes,	3 95	
Do. From Dr. G. W. Pressley, on account of fancy articles made by the Osage Society of Philadelphia,	15 00	
Do. From Isaac Snowden, Esq. Tr. of General Assembly, 6 months interest to 1st August,	375 00	
		393 95
Versailles, Ky. From aux. society, per D. A. Sayre,		2 00
Waterford, Erie co. Pa. Col. in cong. per Rev. Mr. Hassinger,	4 00	
Do. do. do. Donation from do.	1 00	
		5 00
Missionary Reporter, From sundry subscribers,		23 00
		$689 69

SOLOMON ALLEN, *Treasurer,*
No. 18 *South Third Street.*

THE
EDUCATION REGISTER.

EDITED BY WILLIAM NEILL, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,

As enacted by the General Assembly, A. D. 1819, *and subsequently amended.*

ARTICLE I. There shall be a General Board of Education, known by the name of "*The Board of Education under the care of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America.*"

ART. II. The Board shall consist of fifty-two members, elected by the General Assembly, of whom twenty-five shall be Ministers, and twenty-eight other male communicating members of the Presbyterian Church; one minister and one layman to be chosen from each Synod; and the remainder from Philadelphia, and from a distance convenient to it, together with such Vice Presidents as the Board may appoint. Five members, including the President or a Vice President, shall be a quorum to transact business.

ART. III. The whole number of members shall be divided into four classes, one fourth to be annually elected.

ART. IV. The election of the members of the Board shall be made by nomination and ballot, by the General Assembly.

ART. V. The officers of the Board, to be annually appointed by the Board, shall be a President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and General Agent, a Treasurer, and so many Vice Presidents as the Board may deem it expedient to appoint.

ART. VI. The objects of the Board shall be—

1. To recognize such Presbyteries and other Associations, as may form themselves into Education Societies, auxiliary to the General Board.

2. To assist such Presbyteries and Associations in educating pious youth for the Gospel Ministry, both in their academical and theological course.

3. To assign, according to their best discretion, to the several Auxiliary Societies, a just portion of the whole disposable funds under their control.

4. To concert and execute such measures as they shall judge to be proper, for increasing their funds, and promoting the general object.

ART. VII. No young man shall be patronized or assisted by an Auxiliary Society, unless he shall produce a testimonial of his hopeful piety and talents from some Presbytery, under whose care he shall be taken.

ART. VIII. Auxiliary Societies may make such arrangements, and selection of a seminary for the young men under their patronage, as in their opinion shall be most eligible for the prosecuting of their education, whether classical or theological.

ART. IX. The Auxiliary Societies shall send to the Board, all the surplus funds in their hands, which shall not be necessary for the accommodation of those immediately depending on them for support.

ART. X. Every Auxiliary Society shall forward, annually, a report of their proceedings to the Board, sufficiently early to enable the Board (whose duty it shall be) to report to the General Assembly.

ART. XI. The Board shall have power to make such by-laws, to regulate their own proceedings, and effectually to accomplish the great objects of their appointment, as shall not be inconsistent with this Constitution.

ART. XII. The Board may propose to the General Assembly, from time to time, such plans as they may consider useful and necessary for the success of the Institution, to be recommended to the several Societies or Churches, as the Assembly may think proper.

ART. XIII. No addition or amendment to the provisions of this Constitution shall be made, unless by the consent of two thirds of the members of the General Assembly, present at any of their sessions, of which notice shall be given at least one day previous.

ART. XIV. By the General Assembly for 1823.—

"*Resolved*, That all the Presbyteries under the care of this Assembly be, and they hereby are required, as soon as possible after their several sessions immediately preceding the meeting of the General Assembly, to send up to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, under the care of the General Assembly, a report stating what moneys they have collected for the education of poor and pious youth in their bounds; and what candidates or students they have on their charitable funds."

ART. XV. "*Resolved*, That when any Presbytery has no beneficiary on their funds, they be, and they hereby are required to remit their funds to the

Treasurer of said Board of Education, that the same may be appropriated according to the constitution of the Board.

ART. XVI. "*Resolved*, That the Board of Education be, and they hereby are required to report annually a summary of what has been done in the business of education by the Presbyteries, as well as the Auxiliary Societies; and that hereafter, the Assembly will act on the Report of the Board of Education, and not require the Presbyteries to report immediately to the Assembly. Resolved that the Assembly will every year inquire whether the Presbyteries have reported on this subject to the Board of Education."

ART. XVII. By the General Assembly for 1824.—

"*Resolved*, That the Board of Education be, and hereby are, authorized to select and educate such young men as are contemplated by the Constitution of that Board."

ART. XVIII. By the General Assembly of 1825.—

"*Resolved*, That the Board of Education may appoint any person whom they deem suitable, to be their Treasurer, to continue in office during their pleasure; and that he shall be *ex officio*, a member of said Board."

In March 1829, the Board appointed an Executive Committee, who with the approbation of the Board, have adopted the following principles:

1. That this committee recognize, as a rule of their proceedings, the decision of the Board, that no beneficiary shall hereafter be allowed, by this Board, more than one hundred dollars annually from our funds, except in extraordinary cases.

2. That any beneficiary who may receive other aid, shall annually report the nature and amount of the same, to this Committee.

3. That in aiding young men, who are seeking the office of the Christian ministry, this Committee will, as a general rule, give the preference to those candidates for our patronage, who have made the greatest advancement in their studies.

4. That the Treasurer of the Board pay moneys on the order of this committee signed by the chairman; and that it be the duty of the corresponding secretary to remit all moneys to beneficiaries at a distance from this city; for which purpose he shall receive the sums appropriated from the Treasurer.

5. That each beneficiary of this Board shall be considered as always on probation; and if the Executive Committee shall at any time discover such defects in capacity, temper, general manners or piety, as would render his introduction into the ministry of doubtful utility, they shall consider themselves religiously bound to make no further appropriations in his case; and to become qualified for the discharge of this duty, they will make frequent and minute inquiries into the character of persons assisted by the funds of the Board.

6. That no written obligation shall be required of any beneficiary, to refund the moneys which may be granted him by this Board; because we act upon the principle, that the church, as a moral parent, ought to provide for the education of such of her sons as may be indigent, and at the same time may probably become her faithful servants in the ministry of reconciliation: but we nevertheless desire every beneficiary to remember, that his duty to the church, to his younger brethren who seek the same holy office, and to his Saviour, requires, that so soon as he is able he should refund the benefaction conferred on him with interest. Every beneficiary shall be furnished with an attested copy of this resolution.

7. That the Corresponding Secretary and General Agent, and the Assistant General Agent, with such other agents as may from time to time be appointed, shall endeavour to promote the interests of the Board, by obtaining from individuals subscriptions and donations, and by inducing Congregations to make annual subscriptions and payments to the Education fund of the Board, or of the Presbyteries to which they may belong.

8. That any person or Congregation which will pay annually any sum not less than one hundred dollars, shall have the right of selecting the beneficiary who shall enjoy the benefaction; provided the character and location of said beneficiary meet the approbation of this Committee, and that any sum given to this Board, shall be appropriated to such beneficiaries as the donors may designate.

9. That the General Agent, or Assistant Agents, shall as soon as practicable, visit every Presbytery within the bounds of the General Assembly, endeavour to stir up the minds of our brethren on this subject, seek out suitable young men to be devoted to the work of the Gospel ministry, and place the same, with the approbation of the Presbytery to which the selected beneficiary naturally belongs, in some school, col-

lege, or seminary, in which he may prosecute his studies, and, as far as possible, provide means within the bounds of each Presbytery, for the support of its own beneficiaries;—thus becoming, in fact, the Agent of each Presbytery visited, no less than of the Board of Education.

10. That the General and Subordinate Agents shall monthly report all their proceedings to this Executive Committee, and shall be subject to such particular instructions as they may from time to time receive.

11. That candidates be urged, on completing their course, to remember the important objects of the Board, and to promote them wherever Providence may direct their location.

12.—1. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary and General Agent, to take the special charge of the office.

2. To keep the books of minutes, and all the necessary registers of beneficiaries—their names, recommendations, place of education, stage of education, date of reception, and amount of aid rendered.

3. To prepare all the regular business for the meetings of the Board, and of the Executive Committee—and so to arrange it as to facilitate the dispatch of business.

4. To conduct the general correspondence of the Board and of the Committee, and prepare the matter for the Education Register, monthly, endeavouring to make it both profitable and popular.

5. To exercise a pastoral care over all the beneficiaries of the Board, to visit them as often as practicable, at least once in every year, and to hold correspondence with them as frequently as circumstances may require, so that the Committee may always be fully informed respecting them.

6. To take the direction and guidance of the various Agents which may be employed by the Executive Committee, maintain a constant correspondence with them, and keep the committee fully advised of their proceedings, and

7. To do whatever may be necessary, under the direction, and with advice and consent of the Executive Committee, to secure and advance the prosperity of the education cause.

13. That no appropriation shall be made to any whose attachment to the standards of the Presbyterian Church is questionable, and who may be unwilling to receive their theological education in a Presbyterian Seminary.

RULES

To be observed by the Board of Education of the General Assembly, and by its Beneficiaries.

1. Young men applying for the aid of the Board, shall furnish satisfactory testimonials, from two or more ministers or elders of the presbyterian church, or from the Executive Committee of some Presbytery, of their piety, talents, good deportment, and real necessities.

2. Young men under the care of the Board, shall furnish good and sufficient testimonials, annually, or oftener if required, from their teachers, of their progress in their studies, moral deportment, economy and piety.

3. Young men after entering College, or a Theological Seminary, shall send to the Board, at the close of each term, a written declaration of their views and purposes, in relation to the Gospel ministry, as the labor of their life in future.

4. Young men who fail to enter upon and continue in the ministry, unless, through such loss of health, as may disqualify them for any other important employment, shall refund to the Board all the money which may have been expended on their education with interest, and to the performance of this act of justice, every Beneficiary shall give his written pledge to the Board, at the time when he is taken under its care.

5. Every examining committee, appointed by the Executive Committee, shall examine candidates faithfully, and report to the Board, very specially, their views of the piety, capacity, church standing, moral deportment, attainments in learning, and motives for seeking an Education for the Gospel ministry, and also, give the name, age, residence, and pecuniary circumstances of applicants; and also, whether they have been patronized by others, and if so, by whom, how long, and to what amount, and why has that patronage ceased; and whatever else the Examining Committee may think proper to communicate.

6. Examining Committees shall endeavour to make applicants fully understand the importance of the object in view, and the conditions under which the aid of the Board is extended to them, and their moral obligation to refund to the Board the money received from it, should God in his providence put it in their power.

7. No candidate shall hereafter be taken under the care of this Board, nor aided, until he shall have been examined by some Examining Committee, or by the Executive Committee of some Pres-

bytery, and shall have forwarded the certificate of said examination, by said committee to this Board, made out according to rule 5th. Nor shall any additional aid be given to any who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the regulations contained in Rule 2d or 3d, as the case may be.

8. No person shall receive aid from the Board, who does not manifest a willingness to pursue such a course of Education, as the Executive Committee may direct.

9. The following shall be the form of returns to be made quarterly, viz.

[*The form has been left out for want of room—but will be inserted in the next No.*].

10. When the foregoing form shall have been filled up by the Beneficiary, and signed with his name he shall obtain on the same paper a certificate from the principal Teacher of the Institution where he may be pursuing his studies, that he has examined it, and believes it to be correct, and that the person intended in it, sustains a fair character, is diligent and successful in his studies, continues to give evidence of consistant piety, and conducts himself in all things according to the Rules and Regulations of the Institution where he is.

11. Beneficiaries may not change their place of Education without the consent of the Executive Committee.

12. Beneficiaries shall cease to receive the patronage and aid of the Board for the following or similar reasons:

1. If their talents, health, or piety, be not such as to warrant and justify a continuance of it.

2. If the Beneficiary enters into the married state.

3. If the Beneficiary puts himself under the patronage of, or receives help from any other *Education Society*.

4. If the requisite returns are not regularly made.

13. Every Beneficiary who shall have received aid from the Board in the course of his Education, equal to the expense of two or more years, shall feel himself bound to devote the first year at least, of his ministry, to Missionary Labors, under the direction of the Board of Missions, unless released from this obligation by the consent of the Education Board.

14. Every Beneficiary shall submit himself to the paternal and pastoral counsel and care of the Corresponding Secretary and General Agent of the Board.

15. These Rules shall be printed, and placed in the hands of every Beneficiary, and his approval of them expressed in writing, at the time of his being received under the care of the Board shall be taken and recorded or put on file in the office.

Received for the Education Board since the 20th of May, 1830.

May 21. From collection after Dr. Philips' sermon,			$89 50
Cooperstown church, N.York,			50 00
Donation from T. Marquess, Martinsburg			26 00
Louis Cook, Sylvanus co. Va.			20 00
William Maxwell, Norfolk,			10 00
22. Churchville, Pa. by Rev. Mr. Finney,			13 50
25. Ladies at Lawrenceville	26 50		
Mr. Stewart, 1st church Baltimore,	5 00	31 50	
		JOHN STILLE, Treasurer.	240 50

June 24, 1830.

The Tresurer reports the following receipts of the Education Board, since 31st May, 1830.

June 1. From New York Presbytery by Isaac Snowden,	126 19		
Rev. Dr. Neill's collections,	185 50	311 69	
11. Rev. C. Webster, Long Island,			2 50
July 3. Daniel Montgomery's 2d annual subscription	100 00		
Mrs. Christiana Montgomery's donation	50 00	150 00	
7 Collections of annual subscriptions,			20 00
8 do. at Monthly Concert in 6th Church, Phil'a.			10 72
29. James Linn's donation,			5 00
Concert of prayer in 3d Church, Philadelphia,			12 37
Stephen Cook, Martinsburg Ohio,			2 00
30. Collections by Dr. Neill, Church Snowhill, Md.,	3 33		
Robert McChesney, church of Cranberry, N. J.,	5 00		
A few members, do.	7 50		
Rev. R. M. Laird, (Md.) several individuals, including his sub.	10 00		
A lady, by Rev. Dr. Green,	1.00	—26 83	
		JOHN STILLE, Treasurer.	541 11

July 31, 1830.

PLAN OF CO-OPERATION.

1. Let every Presbytery declare itself auxiliary to the Assembly's Board in this matter, and appoint an executive committee, whose duties shall be to notice, examine, and recommend young men, who may be deemed proper subjects;—to devise, and publish, and carry into effect, measures to raise the means of assisting them;—and to make a full report of their transactions to Presbytery, at its stated meetings, and to this Board once every three months.

2. Let the Church Sessions take this business up in earnest;—let there be a subscription opened, in every congregation, and let the members be requested to contribute annually, fifty cents or more, for the purpose contemplated, on or before the first day of April, payable to the Treasurer of Presbytery.

3. Let an appropriate discourse be delivered once a year, in every pulpit, whether vacant or supplied; and the yearly contribution be called for, either immediately at the close of public worship, or as soon as possible, by collectors appointed by the Session.

4. In some congregations it may be deemed expedient to form an Education Society, though we suppose, that in general, the business can be done as well and with more ease through the church session; provided the pastor and elders take an interest in the subject. The churches, in and near the city of Philadelphia, where the Board and its Executive Committee hold their meetings, may prefer being immediately auxiliary to the Board: to this we see no reasonable objection.

5. In regard to the controul of the funds. The constitution of the Board gives to every Presbytery, and to every auxiliary society, properly constituted, the right to supply the wants of its own incumbents, out of the means raised within its limits, the surplus to be forwarded to the Board. This is as it should be; but let it be well noted, that, if every Presbytery, and every auxiliary contents itself with raising just money enough to supply the wants of its immediate dependents, it will be impossible for the Board to answer the purpose for which it was instituted. We hope, therefore, that Presbyteries will not graduate their efforts by the number and necessities of their own candidates. On this principle there could be no "equality." The whole church is distributed in Presbyteries; and what is the Board of Education, but the creature of the Presbyteries, through whose agency the wants of the weak may be met and relieved, by the energies and offerings of the strong?

Should the foregoing plan be adopted generally, and carried into effect with vigour and zeal, we have no fears as to the success and usefulness of the Board

PLAN

For rendering Sessions Auxiliary Societies to the General Assembly's Board of Missions.

It is believed, after much reflection, that Sessions may become the best auxiliary Missionary Societies that can exist in the Presbyterian Church—that they are more happily adapted to this purpose than any other associations that can be devised, and may supersede the necessity of any other. Sessions are already formed, and must be continued as an essential part in the order and government of the Presbyterian Church; and by their taking an agency in missionary affairs, the church will act *directly by her own officers*, which is the most proper and desirable mode of action, in every thing in which the church is concerned. By Sessions assuming the form of Missionary Societies, all the trouble and all the expense of forming other Missionary associations will be saved; and at the same time Missionary bodies will become more numerous, and more extensively and generally influential, throughout the whole Presbyterian population, than they can ever be otherwise rendered. Missionary operations will in this way be more intimately brought home, as they need to be, to every congregation and to every individual in it, as a concern of their own: and when the people see their own representatives, men of their own choice, and in whom they have confidence, managing and superintending this business, they will be likely to contribute more willingly, generally, and liberally, than they would otherwise do. If in some places it should be considered necessary or expedient, that an individual or two, without becoming regular members of Session, should be joined with it for the special purpose of conducting missionary business, there could be no objection to such a measure.

Auxiliary societies in missionary operations are always chiefly employed in collecting funds for the use of a parent society, or missionary board, by which missions are planned and Missionaries selected and sent forth. Now the Supreme Judicatory of the Presbyterian church have appointed a Missionary

Board, the funds of which may easily and most effectually be aided by Sessions in the following ways.

1. It has been proposed by the Board to endeavour to obtain a voluntary subscription of 50 cents annually, from each communicating member in the Presbyterian Churches; and from all non-communicating members in every congregation, who may be willing to make such a contribution. On the funds to be derived from this measure much reliance is placed; and to execute this measure the Session of each congregation is manifestly the natural and proper organ. Let the Session point out the most proper and practicable method of obtaining subscribers; let them appoint a treasurer (one of their own number or any other suitable person) to receive all monies collected in the congregation, and forward them as speedily as practicable to the treasurer of the Board of Missions; let a particular day in the year—say Christmas or New Year's day—be appointed on or before which the 50 cent contribution should be paid; and when the appointed day is near at hand, let the pastor be requested to remind the people from the pulpit of their engagements, and say something calculated to excite and cherish among them a missionary spirit; let some suitable person be appointed to call on those who may not have deposited their subscriptions on or before the appointed day, to collect and deliver them to the treasurer; let an accurate list be kept of all subscribers, and let their number of subscribers be annually forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

2. The Session may promote the keeping of mission boxes in the houses of those who are friendly to the Missionary cause, the contents of which may occasionally be deposited with the treasurer of the Session.

3. The Session may take order that collections for the support of Missions be taken up at the Monthly Concerts for prayer, and appropriate the sums collected in such manner as they may judge to be most equitable: and at these concerts information may be given, as indeed it ought to be given, to the people relative to Missionary concerns, and their minds stirred up to pray for and contribute to the support of the Missionary cause.

4. The members of Session can also receive and in a proper way solicit donations of a larger amount than the annual 50 or 25 cent contribution from those who may be able and willing to make such donations: and if any of the members are acquainted with individuals likely to favour the Missionary cause by testamentary bequests, they may in a discreet and delicate manner remind such individuals of the importance of aiding in sending the gospel to the heathen and to the destitute in our own land.

The foregoing presents a simple plan, of easy execution; and if it be followed up with spirit the whole Presbyterian church may in a few years be, as it is most desirable that it should be, actively engaged in missionary operations. But to produce this effect the Sessions must make and continue some active exertions. Now as *personal responsibility* affords the best security for a careful and persevering attention to any business, especially if it be of a public nature, it may be well that each Session should fix on *some individual*, who may attend to the collection of their Missionary funds, and be charged with superintending the whole concern in the congregation. If this office be found burdensome, it may be, after a fixed period, passed from one individual to another. It may also be well if the Session should make it a standing rule to have two meetings at least in a year expressly for the purpose of attending to Missionary concerns. As the minister of every congregation is always the Moderator of its Session, much—very much—will depend on his taking the lead, cordially co-operating, and discreetly and zealously urging forward an attention to Missionary concerns, both in the Session, and generally among the people of his charge: and it is hoped that no minister in the Presbyterian church will refuse his aid, in a matter of such high importance to the Christian church and the salvation of immortal souls as the sending of the gospel to those who are perishing in ignorance & sin.

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